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Bigfoot from outer space!

By JOHN BLACKBURN

Bigfoot is a space alien, startling new evidence reveals.

Stunned residents of a remote wilderness community on Lake Winnipeg in northern Canada have actually seen the hairy, 9-foot-tall creatures stepping out of UFOs at secret landing sites in the area.

And incredibly, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have made plaster casts of monstrous, telltale footprints left behind by one of the extraterrestrial beasts.

"We've had to put up with the mysterious visits of these terrifying half-man, half-ape creatures for at least 20 years," said Gerald Valiquette, a 39-year-old backwoodsman who lives along the northern reaches of the meandering Poplar River, 200 miles northeast of Manitoba's capital, Winnipeg.

Amazingly, several of Valiquette's neighbors have reported watching in horror as giant UFOs landed at the river's edge and unloaded their monstrous cargoes of huge beasts that walk on their hind legs and are covered with smelly, dark mats of long, stringy, dark hair.

"I myself have been chased by one of these creatures — and narrowly escaped with my life," the backwoodsman disclosed.

"I was hunting one day several years back when, suddenly, this huge, man-like thing reared up about 50 feet in front of me. It was definitely a Bigfoot. I've lived in the wilderness all my life and I've never seen anything like it before."

Eyewitnesses actually saw huge creature land in UFO!

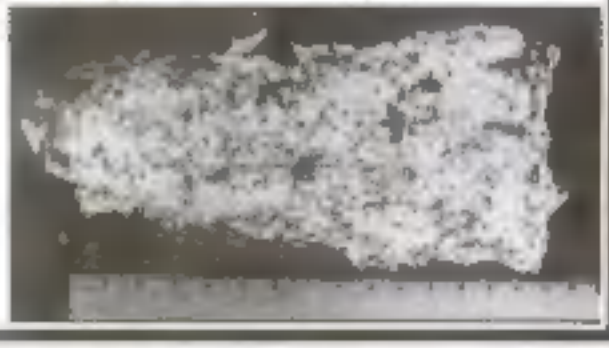
"I turned on my heel and ran through the woods. I could hear the huge beast crashing through the underbrush behind me in pursuit. I ran faster, thought my lungs would burst, when, suddenly, it gave up the chase. I'm not a coward, but I've never hunted in that particular spot since. In fact, I avoid it."

Earlier this year, after a rash of UFO sightings in the Poplar River area, a Mountie patrolling the region made two plaster casts of 15-inch-long footprints.

A Canadian anthropologist who has examined the casts says he knows of no earthly creature that could have made the prints.

ARTIST'S drawing of Bigfoot described by stunned residents of wilderness community.

HOLD at a black bear print shows, above, how much bigger the Bigfoot print, below, found in Manitoba, Canada, really is.



You can be fat and physically fit, says new study

You can be fat and still fit, a new study shows.

You don't need to lose weight to lower your cholesterol levels and blood pressure and improve your overall fitness, say researchers at Oregon

women for nine months as the subjects ate less fat and undertook a regular regimen of exercise. Only six of the women lost weight, but 11 improved their health significantly, the researchers found.

physically, even though we were not doing drastic things to them — no drastic training, no drastic diets," said Jane Moore, coauthor of the study.

"In our culture we use these people

as unhealthy. This study demonstrates that drastic weight loss isn't necessary to improve health if you're overweight."

— SUSAN JAMESON

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A miracle for poor little spider boy!

LITTLE spider boy had to walk on his hands before his surgery.

By SUSAN JAMISON

Little Domingo Montiero used to be a living spider boy, a crippled creature who crawled on hands and knees because of a tragic bone deformity. Now — thanks to kindhearted strangers who offered him help — the lucky lad can walk erect like any other child.

Domingo, 9, was brought to Toronto for medical treatment after Catherine and William Meikle of Scarborough, Ontario, found him in a backcountry village in the Dominican Republic.

Surgery repaired dislocated bones in the boy's hips and now doctors predict that Domingo will walk and run like any other boy.

"He's doing very well, walking just fine," Catherine Meikle told The NEWS. "He'll be going home soon."

The Meikles first saw Domingo in 1985 when they took a trip into the countryside near Santo Domingo to distribute clothing and food to the poor. They stopped near a small village and all the children came running. All but one, that is.

"We saw a little boy sitting by himself," Catherine recalled. "He didn't come to us, so we walked over to him. He was trying to crawl toward us and there were tears in his eyes.

"He was walking with his hands and his body was infected from dragging it along the ground."

Long after they had returned home to Canada the Meikles were haunted by their glimpse of little Domingo's nightmare plight. On their next visit to the Dominican Republic a year later they brought the boy crutches to help him get around. But they decided they wanted to do even more — and began searching for sponsors who would bring the child to Canada for medical treatment.

Finally, after months of work, the Meikles found a surgeon who offered to operate on the boy free of charge and a philanthropic group which agreed to cover the $100,000 to prepare for drugs and hospital costs the boy would incur.

Today, Domingo is healthy and happy, and very proud of his strong, straight legs.

"He has been going to school and he loves it," Catherine said. "And when he returns home we have arranged for him to continue with his education.

"It's sad to send him home to live in poverty, so we have arranged to send money to his widowed mother and eight brothers and sisters.

"Domingo should do just fine from now on."

Soon he'll run and play like other boys, thanks to kindhearted strangers

HAPPY Domingo Montiero holds a new baseball bat as he talks with his doctor and looks forward to the day he'll actually be able to run.

Tot, 4, guns down aunt in pillow fight

A late morning pillow fight ended in tragedy when an angry 4-year-old boy grabbed a pistol — and gunned down his aunt.

"She had the pillow and was teasing him with it," said Gulfport, Miss., police detective Tom Johnson. "He picked up the pistol and shot her in the back."

Rhonda Whitlock, who was only eight years older than her nephew, staggered outside the house and collapsed in the street. She died a short time later.

Apparently realizing what he had done, the little boy ran screaming after his wounded aunt.

"The little kid was hysterical," said Johnson. Witnesses said he ran to his young aunt, screaming that he was sorry.

The victim's mother, Stella Whitlock, told cops she had hid the .38-caliber pistol under her pillow and forgot to put it back in a dresser drawer.

Mrs. Whitlock was visiting a neighbor across the street when the shooting occurred in the bedroom of her home.

Though Harrison County coroner Edgar Little has ruled the death accidental, police are still investigating, said Johnson.

Nation was outraged when rapist hacked off teen's arms

A new life for tragic victim 10 years after horror ordeal

Ten years after Lawrence Singleton raped her, hacked off her arms and left her for dead, Mary Vincent is a happy woman.

Mary, now 25, was recently married in a very private ceremony and chose her wedding day to tell the world that she is looking forward, not back.

"I've always been wanting to express what I'm doing now, what my plans are for the future," she said. "But everyone is dwelling on what happened, they're dwelling on the past. Forget the past. And look at what I've done with my life."

Mary and her 23-year-old groom, Matthew, asked that his last name not be disclosed. They were married in a small town in the Pacific Northwest where residents have fiercely protected Mary's privacy since she moved there.

"Everyone kind of looks out for me, to make sure I'm OK," she said.

The road to happiness has been a rocky, uphill climb for Mary, who was 15 years old when Singleton attacked her.

After he raped her, Singleton chopped off both her arms just below the elbow with five swings of an ax. Then he stuffed the unconscious teen into a concrete pipe and left her there to die.

She was discovered staggering through Del Paerto Canyon near Sacramento, Calif.

"The next morning, two individuals found Mary Vincent wandering aimlessly," a court document said. "She was holding up her arms so that the muscles and blood would not fall out."

Singleton was sentenced to 14 years and released from San Quentin after serving eight years and four months. Singleton, 52, now lives in hiding in Florida, pursued by reporters and Mary's lawyer, who is seeking payment on a $2.5 million civil judgment.

Mary went through years of physical and psychological therapy. In 1980 she gave birth to a son, Luke, but did not marry the boy's father.

Then she met Matthew and the future became brighter.

"There was an emptiness and in trying to fill that emptiness I went through a lot of heartbreak, a lot of struggles and everything," Mary said. "But Matt patched up my wounded heart. He made it all better." There were 65 guests present for the garden ceremony in which Matthew and Mary exchanged vows.

"Mary, I pledge to you from this day forward to always love you, to be understanding and honest with you," Matthew told his bride. "You are the light of my life and we will grow old together."

Mary whispered her own pledge to Matthew. "I loved you before I ever met you because when I was a little girl I dreamed there would be a certain man to comfort me, to love me no matter what, the man who would be my best friend.

"I know I have found that wish."

— PETE COOKE

TEN years after she was maimed and left to die, Mary Vincent prepares for her wedding with the help of her mother, Lucy Vincent.

SECOM places the ring on Mary's artificial hand as the couple exchange vows.

MARY, her son Luke and her new husband Matthew enjoy some special moments together on their special day. Mary's rocky road to happiness has finally smoothed out.

I'm not looking back, she says on wedding day

Big Macs in jail

You can still have a Big Mac when you go to jail in Boston, now that the city has signed a contract with McDonalds to provide food for prisoners.

Jail officials, fed up with complaints about prison chow, have agreed to pay $180,000 a year to the popular restaurant chain to deliver Ronald McDonald's specialties right to the jailhouse door.

A doctor's mistake gave kids the gift of life

Twins survive mom's abortion

MOM: Mary Evans with her twins Gary and Victoria.

By SUSAN JIMISON

Waitress Mary Evans has two adorable twins — thanks to a doctor's error.

The Valley Stream, N.Y., woman underwent an abortion a few months before her babies were born, but incredibly the procedure was ineffective. Mary says she was upset at the time she learned she'd have her babies anyway, but that she's glad now she went ahead and became a mom.

"I love them," Mary, 26, told The NEWS. "They're here now — I wouldn't change anything about my life since I've become a mother.

"But at the time, it just wasn't how I had planned my life. I didn't want children, especially since I wasn't married."

Mary's story made headlines recently after she filed a lawsuit against the doctor who performed her botched abortion and walked away with a $35,000 out-of-court settlement. She says it's barely enough to keep her going until twins Gary and Victoria reach school age in three years.

Waitress had tried to end her pregnancy 3 years ago

According to Mary and her attorney, Ira Raab, Mary was just 23 and living with her mother when she found out she was pregnant. She made an appointment at an abortion clinic near her home to terminate the two-month pregnancy, court documents say.

The procedure was performed by Dr. Robert Cestari of Nassau in May 1986. Mary says the doctor told her the abortion was successful.

But two months passed and Mary did not get her period, the young woman recalled in an interview with The NEWS.

"I was getting heavier and heavier," she said. "I finally went back to the doctor. I thought I had a tumor or something. He said I was 4½ months pregnant. He said I probably had been expecting twins and only one had been removed in the abortion.

"I couldn't believe it. He said it's possible I could have half a fetus."

In fact, Mary was expecting twins. And four months later she gave birth to them — a healthy boy and a girl. In December 1987, she filed suit against Dr. Cestari.

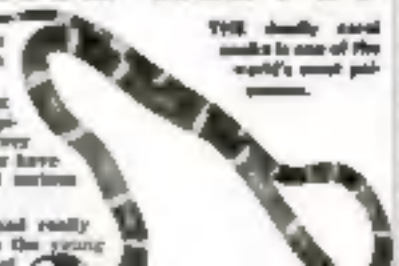
"I wanted something for my kids," she said, "And I'm still unemployed. I have to wait till they go to school before I can work again. I'm a full-time mom now."

Weed trimmer flips deadly critter up gardener's pants leg

By JACK ALEXANDER

Yardman Robert Marchant was trimming grass around a tree when his electric weed-eater threw a deadly coral snake up his pants leg.

Snakes alive!



THE deadly coral snake is one of the world's most poisonous.

"I felt something slithering around just below my knee," said Marchant, 28, of Homosassa, Fla. "I reached up my pants and grabbed it, but it had already bitten me."

A co-worker killed the poisonous 3-foot-long reptile and rushed Marchant nine miles to a hospital in Crystal River.

Fortunately, the snake only bit his right leg, but didn't inject enough venom to kill him.

The super lucky yard worker was treated with antivenom, held overnight for observation and released the next day.

"He felt something up his leg but didn't panic," said Marchant's mother, Ann Johnson. "He just reached up his pants leg and pulled it out.

"He didn't want to go to the [illegible] to finish his job, but his friends talked him out of that."

A spokesman at Seven Rivers Hospital in Crystal River said all snake bites have to be "considered serious" by the hospital.

"If the snake had really dug its fangs into the young man, he might not

Dog missing 3 years comes home to family!

By DICK DONOVAN

A flop-eared pooch named Bean came trotting back to his home — three years after he seemingly vanished off the face of the earth!

"Oh, my God! It's him," Janet Okonievski cried out when she saw the dirty, ragamuffin mongrel came into the yard of her home in Wilmington, Del., and lick the face of her 5-year-old son David.

"Then he came up to me and put his paw on me as if to say, 'Oh, well. Here I am,'" said the 33-year-old nurse, obviously delighted that Bean was back home with young David and his 9-year-old sister Kelly.

Bean, a German shepherd-golden retriever mix, mysteriously vanished from the Okonievski family home in August 1965.

"He either took off on his own or he was stolen," the mother explained.

"I got a tip that there was a dog that looked like Bean in Elkton, Md. But by the time I got there, the dog was gone," she added.

There were also numerous sightings around Delaware, but the family never could catch up with Bean. While the passing of three years could have dimmed her memory of what Bean looked like, she said there's no doubt in her mind that the pooch that came trotting into the yard is him.

She said he had the same mark under his nose and the same tiny scar under his left eye.

Bean also has all the same habits — sleeping under the sandbox, waiting for the children at the bottom of the stairs and drinking from the toilet.

HAD gave a loving hug from 5-year-old Kelly Okonievski.

Man drowns launching boat

An 83-year-old man backed his pickup truck and boat trailer off a boat ramp into 30 feet of water — and drowned!

Police in East Lake, Fla., said they have not been able to determine why Hunter Brown, of Tampa, kept on backing his truck after his boat was in the water.

But they are checking to see if his brakes failed.

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Truckers go on 90 m.p.h. death duel

MASSIVE 18-wheelers roared down the road as truckers battled in a death-defying duel over a woman.

. . . all for the love of a woman!

By IRWIN FISHER

A pair of overland truck drivers raced down a highway at speeds up to 90 m.p.h. in a life and death duel of machine and wits over a woman they both love!

"It was absolutely unbelievable," Police Lt. Hubert Laurent told reporters in Andrezieux-Boutheon, France.

"Passenger cars were veering off the road to keep from getting hit and the truckers were slamming into each other like a couple of bumper cars.

"They didn't care who got hurt or killed. And their only beef with each other was a woman."

Police said the nail-raising drama began when Joel Andre, 31, spotted his 25-year-old wife, Monique, in the cab of an 18-wheeler with Patrick Mongen, 35.

In a fit of anger Andre put the pedal to the metal of his own 18-wheeler and the road chase down France's A47 highway began.

And 90 high-speed, thunderous miles later Andre forced Mongen off the road and attacked him with a tire iron, said cops.

Mongen allegedly fought back with a metal pipe and the two men battled until they both collapsed.

Reports said Mongen, recovered first and highjacked it in his truck. Andre — suffering head injuries — followed.

But 20 miles down the road Mongen passed out at the wheel.

Monique Andre took over and put a stop to the madness by driving to a police station, Lt. Laurent said.

Both drivers were given immediate first aid and Mongen was taken to a hospital.

Andre was treated for his head injuries, released and then jailed on a charge of assault and battery, said the cop.

Mongen remained hospitalized with a broken arm and several injuries — with Mrs. Andre keeping a vigil by his side.

"Joel Andre has calmed down quite a bit now that he knows the writing on the wall," said Lt. Laurent. "His wife seems to have left him and taken up with Mr. Mongen, who is supposed to be his best friend."

Cons love prison gate strip show

North Carolina cops are investigating reports that a lady stripper has been doing a bump and grind at the gates of a minimum security prison.

Reports filed with Mecklenburg County police say the blonde stripped and danced erotically for inmates at Huntersville Prison Unit which is near Charlotte.

No arrests have been made but cops claim to know who the woman is. They say she faces charges of indecent exposure if found.

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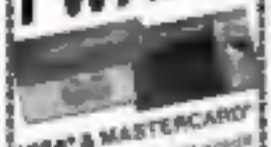

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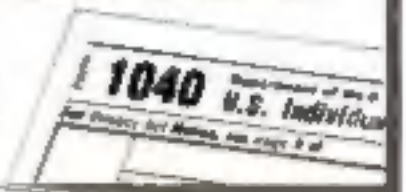

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Shocker in the Big Top!

Fat lady beats human cannonball to a pulp!

A circus fat lady beat the human cannonball to a pulp because he miscalculated a test shot — and hit her on the fly!

By IRWIN FISHER

Francine Schiller, 42, was not injured in the accident and fractured skull.

"This is it. I'm through. The circus can find another bum to kick around," Riedl told reporters in Bregenz, Austria.

"I gave those guys five good years of my life and what do I get for it? A fat woman tries to kill me and they side with her.

"The boss made it clear that he won't let the fight back. He thinks I should roll crawling and act like nothing ever happened."

Peter Strasser, of Austria's famed Strasser Bros. Circus, doesn't deny that Miss Schiller had no right to attack cannonball Riedl.

But he calls the whole sorry affair a tragic misunderstanding "that's better off forgotten."

"Willi was practicing his act and totally misjudged what he was doing," said Strasser.

"He used too much powder and shooted 10 feet off his target. He clipped Francine's ankles when he landed and she came down flat on her back. She was fighting mad when she got up and beat Willi to a pulp."

In fact, witnesses said the woman, who stands 5 feet 4 and weighs almost 450 pounds, pummeled cannonball Riedl to the edge of death before they could pull her off him.

She later denied interview requests and even slugged a photographer who tried to take her picture.

But she was heard to mutter after she had sent Willi to the hospital. "You'd think a man of his caliber would be more careful."

"I know it's just one of those things but I really do hate to lose Willi," said Strasser.

I've been a-salted, wails cop

By JACK ALEXANDER

Screamed cops were determined to find the culprit when State Trooper William Cruz bit into a ham and cheese sandwich — and got a mouthful of salt.

They quickly launched a full-scale investigation which zeroed in on a 7-Eleven store in Dublin, Pa., where trooper Barry Gaston picked up the snack for Cruz.

Trooper Gaston recalled that a group of teens was standing around the sandwich counter muttering when he picked up the sandwich.

The clever suppers grilled store clerk David Uriarte, 16, who had prepared and sold the sandwich to Gaston.

Uriarte was charged with disorderly conduct, accused of tainting the sandwich "with an excessive amount of table salt."

The troopers were determined to make an example of the youngster so that their sandwiches would never, ever be so salty again, said Sgt. John Kasserun.

Uriarte said he didn't intentionally heap salt on the sandwich and plans to plead not guilty. He said a group of his buddies were in the store that night and one of them could have emptied the salt shaker on the sandwich when he wasn't looking.

Bucks County District Atty. Alan Rubenstein said it's a good thing the case isn't coming before him. He'd throw it out in a second.

"It's not the kind of case that should be in the criminal justice system," he told *The NEWS*. "The troopers must've had nothing else to do that day, having rounded up all the drug dealers, rapists and killers in sight.

"If messing up food was a

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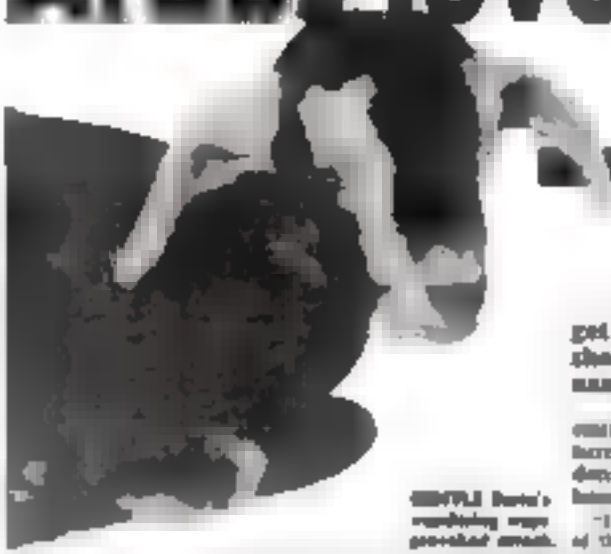
Arabs level their village -- over a goat!



BEATEN Berta's crumbling cops provoked attack.

By ROBIN JAMES

These bickering Arabs in Lebanon showed how wacky they can get when opposing groups in a small village got into a heavy artillery shootout that killed 12 people -- in a silly squabble over a goat named Berta.

Incredibly, half of the tiny hamlet of Qabayat, Lebanon, was blasted to smithereens in the six-hour heavy artillery barrage that deafened the countryside, burning streets and gardens into craters and houses into rubble.

"It looked like the village of the dead" by the time the smoke cleared," said a village headman, Hassoun Murabin.

"To think that terrible destruction and the deaths of a dozen people started over from a little disagreement over a goat."

The feuding factions in the goat war consisted of a Moslem clan and their Christian neighbors.

"Berta, a plump and brown spotted young with large, dark almond-shaped eyes, belonged to the Moslems. She wandered over the hillside into a grazing area used by the Christian family," said Murabin.

"This is not the first time animals of one family have strayed into another family's field. It happens all the time because most of these boys who herd the beasts are so lazy. Instead of facing nightfall they get drunk in the local smoking hashish and fall asleep."

When Berta's hide was discovered, an elder of the Moslem family went to claim her. But the belligerent of the Christian family began shouting. When he left, he swore he would return with armed men.

Capt. Ali Hareem of the local militia said the Moslem and Christian clans began shooting at each other from hills overlooking the village town. Both groups moved in howitzers and mortars.

By the time the soldiers finally broke up the fighting, the captain said, "The peaceful village looked like downtown Beirut."

"Men, women and children of the village fled screaming," Hareem explained. The well in the center of the village was damaged. Cultivated fields of wheat, onions, tomatoes and other crops were ripped by the shells.

"Twelve innocent people died.

"To have people die over a goat is a true tragedy," said Capt. Hareem.

Gossip wakes up gal from coma

A phone pal's gossiping brought a young woman back from the brink of death after she had spent several years in a coma.

Jackie Hutchinson, 22, woke from her agonizing state in time to be a bridesmaid for the friend who saved her from a life in limbo.

Pigheaded Teresa Marshall, also 22, just wouldn't give up when a truck driver ruined Jackie so left into a coma when she was a teenager.

Back-bar Teresa would sit at Jackie's bedside, gossiping on her school chum's friends, in hopes of provoking a response from Jackie.

Doctors had said Jackie's case was hopeless, but Teresa's persistence paid off finally one day when Jackie opened her eyes and began to recover.

"I will remember what Teresa did for me for the rest of my life," said Jackie.

"She was marvelous."

Jackie said her pebble thank you as a bridesmaid at Teresa's wedding in Thirsk, near Doncaster in North Yorkshire, England.

"She's a bit better now," said Jackie's mum, Pat. "She will be nervous before but she couldn't wait to be at the wedding."

Feuding clans kill 12 in silly battle

Highway hanky-panky brings traffic to a halt

Traffic backed up as passing motorists slowed to a creep, craning and straining their necks to get a peep at the brazen tourists passionately making love on the shoulder of the Italian highway.

Verona police arrived at the scene and booked the traffic jam, taking Klaus B., 30, and Hilde Z., 28, who were from near Cologne, West Germany, to the police station.

Witnesses said the pair had been parking on their shoe for about an hour before they were hauled off by the cops.

Police also booked Klaus' wife, snoring away in a nearby parked car from an overdose of local wine.

Deadly exorcist

An African minister was sentenced to a three-year jail term for killing a teenage girl whom he tried to exorcise the Devil from her soul — by cutting out her lungs!

The prosecuting attorney in Kenya said Rev. John Kimotho Mario cut out the girl's lungs before he and part members went to a forest to pray for her.

Boomerang kids bounce back onto dad's budget

Where the going gets tough, millions of long, good-for-nothing young adults move back in, with their parents for a free ride.

The U.S. Census Bureau says about 10 million of these boomerang kids between the ages of 18 and 34 are throwing off their parents.

"Many of these children were raised in the '60s and '70s and became skeptics who rejected the usual monetary values while accepting the luxury of their parents' affluence," said clinical social worker Mildred Reed of Margate, Fla. These human parasites had the best of everything growing up and they expect that life-style to continue, even if they can't provide it for themselves, she said.

WORLD'S HOTTEST GOSSIP

Is Tammy Bakker's pooch possessed?

LORD SAVE MY DOGGIE, PLEADS BIBLE BELLE

Some folks have no luck! First Tammy Faye Bakker's hubby Jim gets caught in a love romp with Jessica Hahn — now her beloved pooch is acting crazy.

Tammy reports that her lovable Yorkshire terrier Tuffin is suffering from a mystery ailment that makes her look and act weird. From the symptoms, it sounds like the Bible belle's poor pooch might be possessed by one of Satan's dog demons.

According to Tammy, whenever

BELOVED pet Tuffin is a Yorkshire

Divine lap dog runs in circles and has a weird look in eyes

HOLY COW — Her hubby strayed, her pet's sick — what's next for poor Tammy Faye Bakker?

and sat down, she starts running round and round in circles like a crazy dog with her head tilted at a strange angle.

"And her eyes go all kind of funny," adds Tammy.

She took Tuffin to the vet near Charlotte, N.C., but he's baffled by the divine doggie's bizarre behavior.

"Every morning I get up and I just pray my little dog's gonna be all right," sighs Tammy.

The vet suggested that Tammy fly out to California and take Tuffin to a specialist in San Francisco.

"But we can't afford to go," says Tammy, who's admitted in the past that she cures her upsets by going out on shopping sprees — New York Post.

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England's Prince Philip is in hot water with his subjects after ordering two run-of-the-mill ducks blasted to smith-

Feds quiz Redford over Cuban "business"

COMMIE kingpin Fidel Castro is backing movie star of the — by

Hollywood gossip has it that top superstar Robert Redford has been the object of a "witch hunt" by our government, even where he's not to their red book.

Bobby visited Havana for three days to attend a script-writing workshop.

He also chatted with right-thinking Fidel Castro. Some there have allegedly been after him to support his trip.

It seems that there's a new hunting expedition from dealing with commies and the Treasury Department is investigating whether Bobby broke the law.

"We have written them a letter," says Bobby's lawyer. "One area of the federal regulations is that there are no violations. But we're still talking to them about it. From Redford's point, it has a colossal exchange effect."

Meanwhile, the Cubans are trying to make it seem like Bobby's being persecuted. "It appears this dark witch hunt has been sponsored by that frustrated movie actor Ronald Reagan," said a Havana radio broadcast. — Washington Post

his royal turds in Windsor Great Park.

Seems the dead ducks — named Bill and Ben — were a favorite of kids who regularly fed them bread and crackers.

But after the Prince's antler, the only thing left of Bill and Ben were some bloody feathers.

"I can only describe this as cold-blooded murder," said one furious park employee. "There was no need for guns."

A royal spokesman could only sheepishly reply:

"We would have preferred a less drastic solution." — New York Post

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Blabbermouths in Europe say Angela Lansbury's hubby Carlo Ponti attacked shooting the flick in a couple of markets, studio bigwigs decided it was a dark-fire bombshell and decided not to release it in theaters. So all those gaggly teenage gals who go gaga over Rich will have to rent the movie from their local video store to see their hero. — Hollywood Reporter

★ ★ ★

Singing-dancing legend Sammy Davis Jr. treated with Algerian to a rubdown in London baths. The lovebirds were spotted shopping, taking in some shows and having a cozy dinner. — New York Daily News

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The strangest thing about the upcoming flick Twins isn't the fact that

Dead duckies land royal in hot water

exploded in rage after catching her frolicking around in the garden of another man's home wearing a tiny pair of bikini panties — and nothing else.

Incredibly, the 33-year-old sexpot's racy romp was caught on film by a photog who snapped her as she rinsed herself from the sun's hot rays with water from a garden hose.

The daring photos and reports of hubby Carlo's rage showed up in a London tabloid. He was supposedly furious over Sophia's close friendship with the 43-year-old playboy who owns the house where Sophia did her topless sunbathing. — London News of the World

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That sudden skyrocketing ride to fame can sure leave a guy dizzy, says zany Woody Harrelson, who became a household name after landing his role on the hit sitcom Cheers.

Woody says his first reaction to being mobbed by gobs of gushing gals was to let them turn his head.

"To go from abject poverty and anonymity to a situation of being very wealthy, by my standards, and well-known, is a big, big shock," he says.

"I was trying to come to terms with the fact that a beautiful woman could come up and try to seduce me. To say no was not a consideration." — Louisville Courier-Journal

★ ★ ★

Fans of Tennessee super hunk Bob Lorna may be a bit disappointed over

the bizarre twosome is played by pint-size Danny DeVito and tank-size Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Arnie says the weirdest part in the movie is that his character is innocent when it comes to remembering the opposite sex.

"You can imagine me playing the virgin," says the man whose ego is nearly as big as his Mr. Olympia biceps.

"It took tremendous acting, and I had to go way, way back into my childhood and pretend like I'm learning to kiss all over again.

"I'm looking forward to other movies where there is a love interest involved . . ."

But Arnie's wife Maria Shriver is looking forward to it, too. — San Francisco Examiner

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Martin Sheen is tickled pink over his role in the movie he's now shooting, Personal Choice. Marty plays an astronaut who helps out a teenager.

"I don't have to kill anyone. Threaten anyone or do anything dangerous. I feel very comfortable." — Chicago Sun-Times

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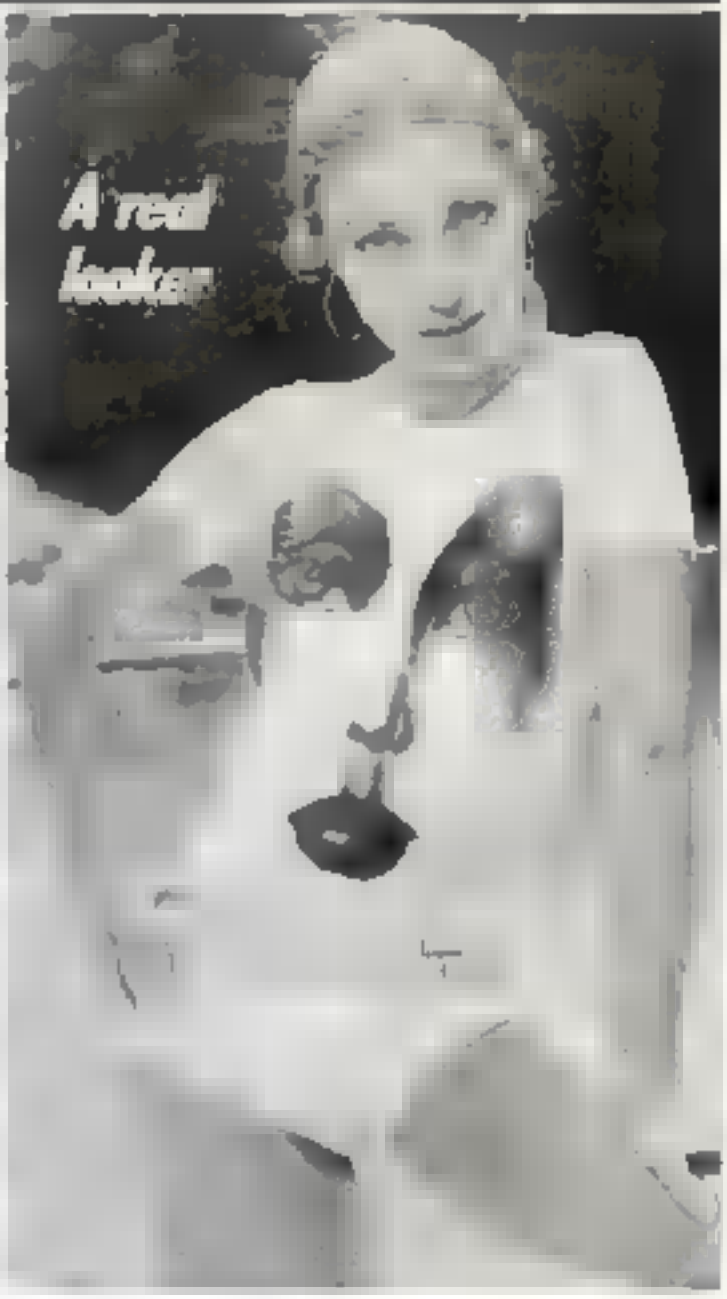
Funny gal Bette Midler, knocking tinkletown dead with bellylaughs with her flick Big Business, says being married to a German gentleman has its advantages.

"Every night I get dressed up like Pinkie and he invades me," she quips.



Fans who want to see more of gorgeous Lesa Seymour will get a chance this TV season. She's got a lead role in the miniseries "War and Remembrance," the sequel

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Fat sweethearts lost 238 [redacted] them, and now . . .

They're gonna live on a diet of love!

By JOE BERGER

Smile-crunching Kevin Webb and humongous Helen Watkins were so fat when they first met that they couldn't stand to look at each other.

Then the blubbery bachelor and the dumpy damsel shed 238 pounds of shivering, quivering flab between them — and liked what they saw so much they decided to tie the knot!

"As the pounds melted away, our love and admiration for each other grew," said the jubilant groom, who lost a whopping 138 pounds in the six months before he strolled down the aisle.

"I adore Helen, but if she still weighed 210 pounds I don't think I could have ever had anything to do with her. That's sad, but it's true.

When the tub-of-lard lovebirds met in a Bristol, Virginia, diet class reunion Kevin hated Helen's flabby physique — and she thought his dumpling gut and double chin were disgusting.

Then they started seeing a lot less of each other, and love bloomed.

"When the dieting started to work, we started noticing each other's good qualities," said newly svelte Helen, 32, who dropped 70 pounds and trimmed 10 inches off her bust — in the six months before she married.

"Kevin is considerate and fashioned and caring. But I simply didn't want anything to do with him when he was so heavy.

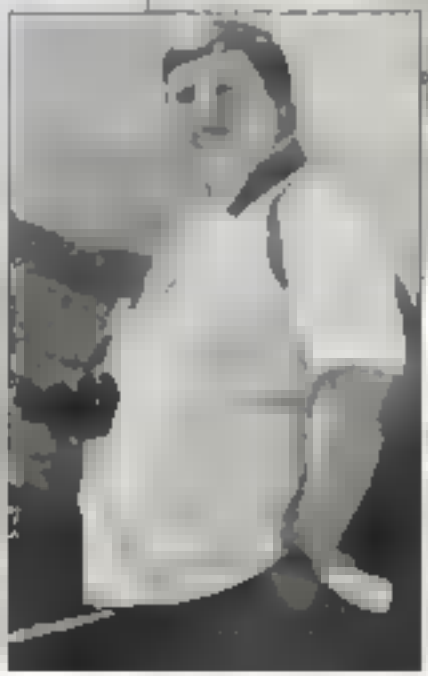
"All I could see was a big, fat man. And even though I was heavy myself, I had to have my other faults.

"I couldn't see into his heart through all that blubber."

The streamlined lady and her engineer sweetie — who swapped his 54-inch trousers for size 36 — are just half the couple they once were when they paraded their sleek new physiques before 300 wedding guests at a Bristol church.

Afterward, everyone was treated to a low-calorie reception.

Their romance blossomed with each passing pound



BEFORE Humongous Helen Watkins, left, and blubbery bachelor Kevin Webb were so fat when they first met in a diet class they couldn't stand the sight of each other

AFTER Happy couple Kevin and Helen lose 138 pounds, lighter when they wed

Average life span now 75

The average life span in the United States is an incredible 75 years, according to a new study by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

An average 20-year-old man can expect to live 64.6 more years, while a woman the same age probably will live another 57 years.

Advances in medical science have increased the life expectancy

Remorseful death car driver jumps in front of train

By JACK ALEXANDER

Remorseful motorist Michael Nelson was so distraught after killing three men in an auto crash he stripped naked and took his own life — standing in front of a speeding train.

Nelson's nude body was smashed 150 feet by the freight train that was roaring m.p.h. "There wasn't much left of him," said State Trooper Donald Perry. "Witnesses said he stood between the tracks stark naked facing the train."

A few minutes before Nelson's bizarre suicide, his car had slammed into a parked pickup truck, said Perry.

Both vehicles burst into flames. Three flagmen dashed in the pickup were burned beyond recognition, said the trooper.

Witnesses said Mr. Nelson crawled out of his burning car and sat beside the road with his head buried in his hands as bystanders rushed over to help him.

"He knocked them aside and ran over to the railroad, and ripped off his clothes and faced the approaching train.

"Two men tried to grab him, but the train beat them to him," said the trooper. "He landed a few feet from the burning wreckage of his car."

Nelson, 42, had no previous criminal or traffic record. "I guess he snapped watching those three men burn to

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'Forever young' granny is a year older

She's now 52 — and hasn't aged since 18!

By IRWIN FISHER

A leading scientist says he is only months away from isolating the rare gene that has kept 52-year-old grandmother Elsa Hove from aging since she was 18!

The housewife from Copenhagen, Denmark, made international headlines last summer when Dr. Niels Jerlov reported that she remained in the bloom of youth even though she has borne three children and has lived through more than five decades.

Rare gene keeps housewife in bloom of youth, say docs

Mrs. Hove looks 18 — but she's really 52

Dr. Jerlov suggested that a rare gene [illegible] has kept her young.

Speaking to the press [illegible] Dr. Jerlov said [illegible] be carrying on the gene that has kept her looking young.

The scientist is also studying [illegible] Dr. Jerlov said he [illegible]

"It does seem as though [illegible] have different," said the youthful [illegible]

"I even have a recurring dream that I have suddenly lost my youth and have grown wrinkled and very old.

"At night my family and friends tell me I look just the same."

I suppose it is everyone's dream to stay young."

Dr. Jerlov is convinced that a gene has caused Mrs. Hove to stop aging. He says that however [illegible] there is a lifelong guarantee.

The day will come when she begins to age like everyone else," said the expert. "Every gene has a trigger. Something puts that trigger — and the control is shattered over a physical function or condition disappears."

Mrs. Hove said: "In a way I hope Dr. Jerlov is right. If I stop growing old I might live for years. I think people are always going on about unavailable. But it is frightening to stay immortally on the face.

My own children, especially look older than I do. And what about my grandchildren? If I don't age, they'll eventually look older than me, too."

In deep trouble

Willard Pitts must be wondering why his pickup truck ignored the warning sign and rolled into a pond or a park in Murfreesboro. Here Pitts and his dog Lady get a little wet but were otherwise OK from their ordeal.

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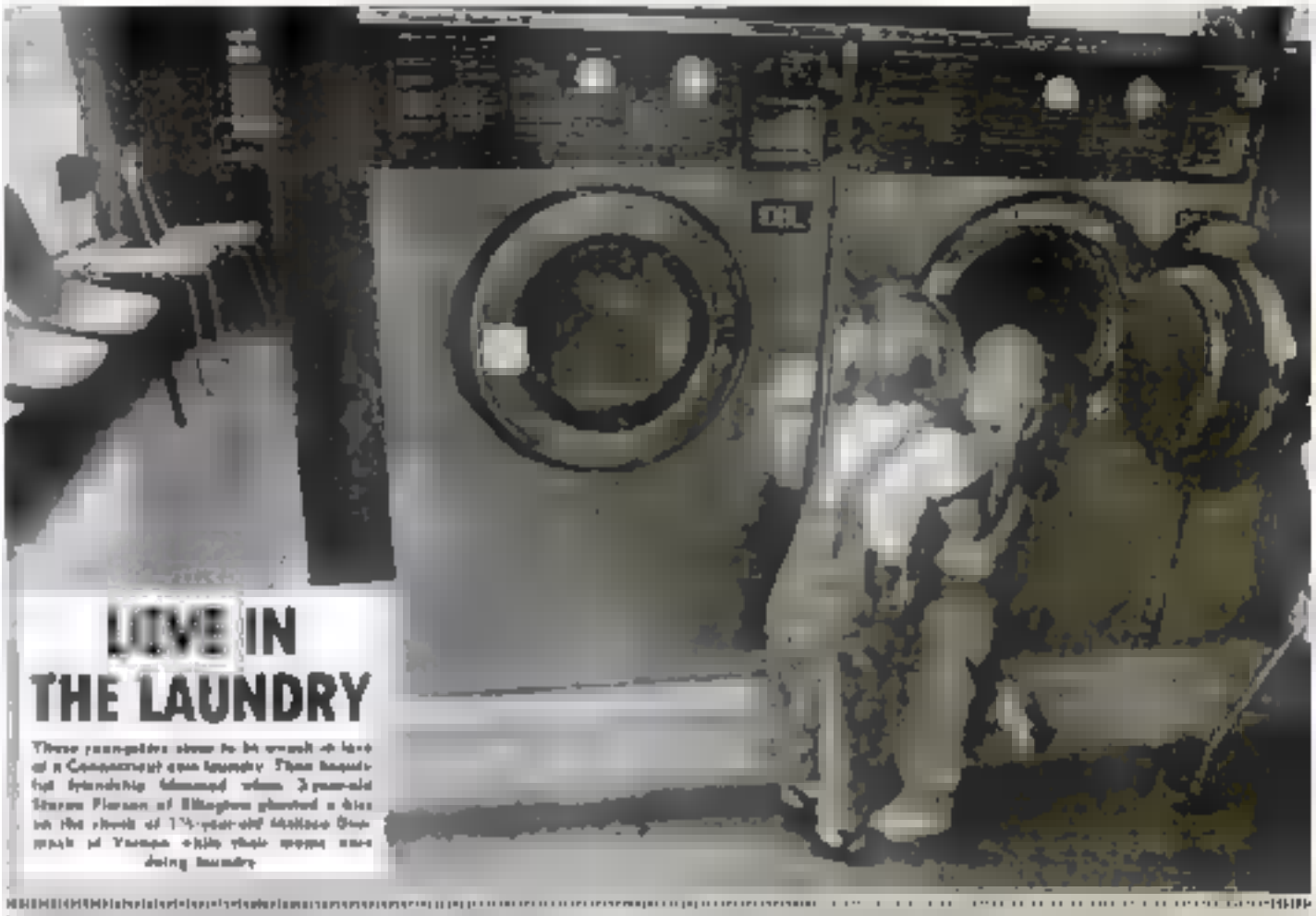


LIVE IN THE LAUNDRY

These youngsters seem to be much at home at a Connecticut coin laundry. Their happy-go-lucky friendship blossomed when 3-year-old Steven Pierson of Ellington planted a kiss on the cheek of 7½-year-old Melissa Ouellette at Vernon while their moms were doing laundry.

Immigration officials say wide-bodied wife can't enter country

Govt. bans beefy bride!

By JOE BRIGGS

Lovestruck hubby Bob Olewski is back home in Australia, but his jelly-belly bride Eva is pining away in Poland — because the Aussie government says ample Eva is too fat to enter the country!

"This is terrible," moaned the woebegone hulk. "I've always been large and my husband likes me just the way I am.

"Now they tell me I can't be with him unless I go on a diet.

"It just doesn't seem right."

But blubber-hating Aussie bosses say they don't want any more fat fannies waddling in and talk of rules. "Immigration isn't big on more than their share" permitted when green ebonity would interfere with earning a living or with normal occupational duties," an official explained.

And that means waistline Eva, 40, is out of luck till she trims 90 pounds of shifting, quaking flab from her 220-pound frame.

But lard-loving Bob, 47, won't sure he's going to like his meaty mistress' shock new physique.

"I don't like them women," he groused. "I don't want her to have to change. If I didn't like her heavy, I wouldn't have married her."

The two starry-eyed sweethearts met and married last year while engineer Bob was [illegible]

They won't let Polish porker join her husband in Australia

[illegible] groom was planning to bring his wide-bodied bride home to Sydney — till he discovered Australia had its own form of beef embargo.

The luckless hubby pleaded for an exception, but stubborn bureaucrats refused to budge.

So waistline Eva, who stands 5 feet tall in her stocking feet, has gone on a diet of low calorie fish, an egg, an apple, a bit of cabbage and a glass of milk [illegible] her weight down to Down Under standards.

"I'm miserable eating like that, but I'm even more miserable being away from Bob," said the lovesick lady.

"It's not fair because I can do just as much work as any skinny person can.

"Sure," she added, "I can't climb trees — but that's no reason for them to treat me like trash."

Construction worker buried alive in cement plant horror

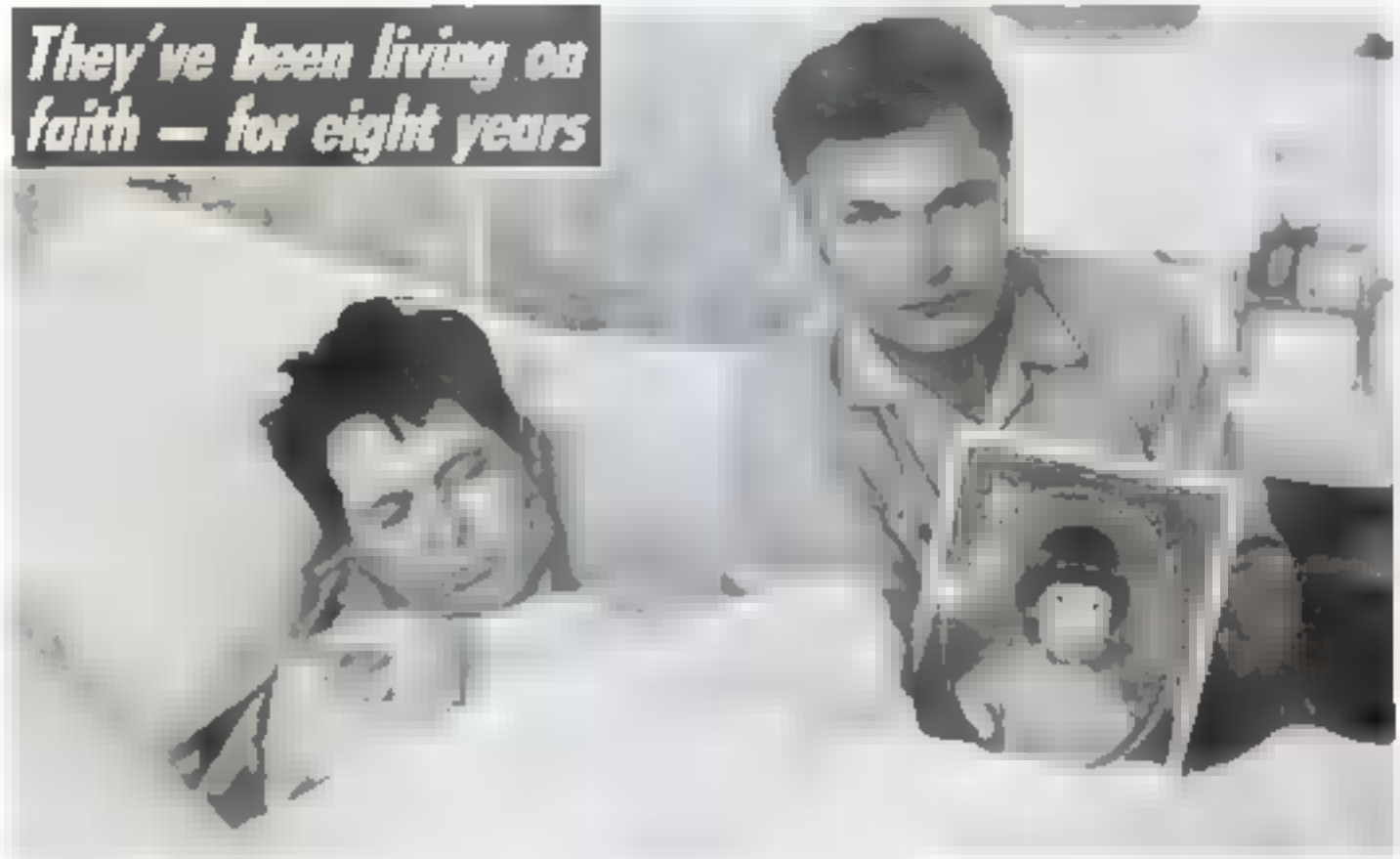
In a freak accident, a construction worker in Tampa, Fla., died horribly when he "drowned" in powdered cement.

Michael Lagrand, 34, fell through an open hatch atop a hopper filled with the cement-mixing material as it was being fed into a mixer with sand and rock to form concrete.

Several crews struggled frantically for two hours to free their co-worker, who was trapped up to his neck in the [illegible] shifting powder.

But the 6'6"-tall Lagrand sank deeper and deeper — until he completely disappeared from sight. When rescuers finally pulled him out, Lagrand was dead.

They've been living on faith — for eight years



HERO: Ken Wheat visits his comatose wife Susan. He's holding a picture of their daughter Emma.

Coma mom fights on — thanks to loving family's vigil

For eight long, heartbreaking years, coma mom Susan Wheat has been kept alive — not by whirring, beeping life-support machines — but by the unwavering love of her husband and her little girl.

One day each week, 8-year-old Emma Wheat puts aside the joyful world of childhood to keep a loving vigil at the bedside of her mum — who slipped into the twilight world of a coma just hours after she was born.

It's a bittersweet vigil the youngster has kept with her dad, fully believing in her little-girl heart that if love can move mountains, surely it can give her the mummy she has never known.

Emma and her 41-year-old dad Ken live in the tiny English hamlet of Cheadle. It's just a short drive from the hospital in North Staffordshire where Susan is confined.

Susan, now 32, has been there since that tragic day in April 1990, when a stroke condemned her to her silent limbo just 24 hours after Emma was born.

"It's a sight that tears at your heart, seeing that wisp of a girl sitting there at her mother's side," Nurse Sarah Davis told The Sunday Mirror. "The minute she's jabbering away and the next minute she's singing.

"But you never see her crying. She's a little soldier that way. She's trying to get through to her mum with her happiness, not with her sorrow."

She suffered stroke 24 hours after birth of her daughter

Ken said: "They have all assured me that one day my wife will be better."

But Emma isn't content to leave it to chance. Every visit is a heroic effort to pierce the veil of darkness that shrouds her mother's mind.

She does this by telling her mother-to-be daily about her school work, her friends and her hobbies.

Ken, 41, has devoted his entire life to Susan, trying in her silent, secret world, to be everything he knows she would want him to be.

"The only time that I ever get bitter or angry is when I think of Emma growing up and Susan missing it all," he said. "She hasn't had the kind of relationship most young girls have with their mother. But I still think a special bond exists between them. I believe Susan will recover and that I can help by never giving up hope," the devoted husband and father said.

Ken doesn't allow himself to dwell too much on his own loss.

But sometimes his heart-break can't be shut in. Sometimes the pain is just too great for him to hide.

— ROSIE KNAPP

IN BETTER TIMES: Susan Wheat before the stroke that plunged her into a coma.

728-pounder laid to rest with crane

Magistrate Warren Jones was so fat that when he died his body had to be lowered into a double-wide grave with a giant hydraulic crane.

The fields former, however, who was [illegible] was buried in the Forestdale Park cemetery [illegible] struggling [illegible] pall-bearers.

[illegible] was rich in his Liverpool [illegible] [illegible] died [illegible] at the age of 54.

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SWEDEN – Medical researchers at the University of Aleppo, in Finland, have discovered (accidentally) a new weight loss formula. The new discovery enables an overweight individual to lose pounds and stay below without dieting or exercise.

Scientists made the discovery while searching for a formula to lower cholesterol. In a controlled study of a test group of people, cholesterol levels returned unchanged but the doctors were astounded to find that every patient who used the formula lost weight. The published report of this study stated, "A highly significant decrease in body weight was noted" in patients who received the formula.

The formula was then tested in Sweden at Sahlgren Hospital, University of Gothenburg. Again, all patients lost a substantial amount of weight even though they did not change their eating habits. The report detailing this study, published in the British journal of Nutrition, stated, "Body weight was significantly reduced even though the patients were specifically asked not to alter their dietary habits." One patient in the study lost more than 30 pounds.

According to the informed source, the active ingredient comes from a little known tropical shrub and contains no drugs or stimulants. When taken before mealtime it binds with the food in the stomach and "flushes" calories, preventing them absorption.

A substantial portion of the calories ingested therefore pass through the digestive system undigested. The body has to get energy to replace the lost calories, so it starts to burn stored fat. The result is rapid body weight loss. Tests have confirmed the safety of the formula for long term use.

The formula is marketed in tablet form in the United States under the trade name Cal-Ban 3000. A firm located in Tampa, Florida, has exclusive North American distribution rights. A review of the company files of the company revealed the names of hundreds of people who have lost up to 30 pounds the first week and as much as 20, 40 or 60 or more pounds overall with Cal-Ban 3000. This is a golden opportunity for people who are plagued by fat and inhibited that they can't seem to lose by conventional methods.

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Fed [redacted] cleaners' clerk clobbers cap gun crook

Everything was going according to plan for a bandit in a dry-cleaning store until he fired his pistol in the air — and the clerk realized it was a toy cap gun!

Janet Castiglione, who was working behind the counter, grabbed a stapler and bopped the crook on the head between shoulders before he made a run for it.

Pittsburgh police said the bandit appeared in the branch during a raid when the visiting B.J. Valet Cleaners and demanded money from Miss Castiglione.

Just for effect, the crook fired several shots at the ceiling, and the clerk, who has been a robbery victim before, knew from the sound that the weapon was only a toy.

"I was fed up," said Miss Castiglione.

She slammed the cash register drawer shut, picked up a stapler and took after the armed gunman, who fled.

Sexy doc accused in love binge

A doctor has been charged with professional misconduct because he allegedly made love to a patient every day for six mind-boggling years!

Dr. Maldwyn Hopkin-Thomas, 58, of Gwynedd, England, denies the allegation.

A member of the General Medical Council named April 1978 as the beginning of the marathon love affair.

It is alleged that Dr. Hopkin-Thomas became enamored with an underclothed cyclists sufferer during an examination in his office.

He reportedly made no bones about the fact that he was aroused. And within hours he was at the woman's home cavorting in bed.

The torrid affair allegedly lasted six years.

For those six years, Dr. Hopkin-Thomas and his patient were palsy-walsy "more or less every day," a disciplinary panel heard.

Male stripper's 3-alarm act burns up club

A male stripper accidentally touched off a three-alarm blaze in a Texas nightclub when the flash powder he used in his act set the ceiling on fire.

Dallas fire officials said no one was injured in the blaze, which gutted the La Bare nightclub and caused about $100,000 in damage.

Fire Capt. Lorri Winslow said it wasn't the first time special effects have gotten out of hand at La Bare.

"I'd been out there before when some guy poured alcohol on a pair of polyester jockey shorts and set the place on fire," the fire fighter said.

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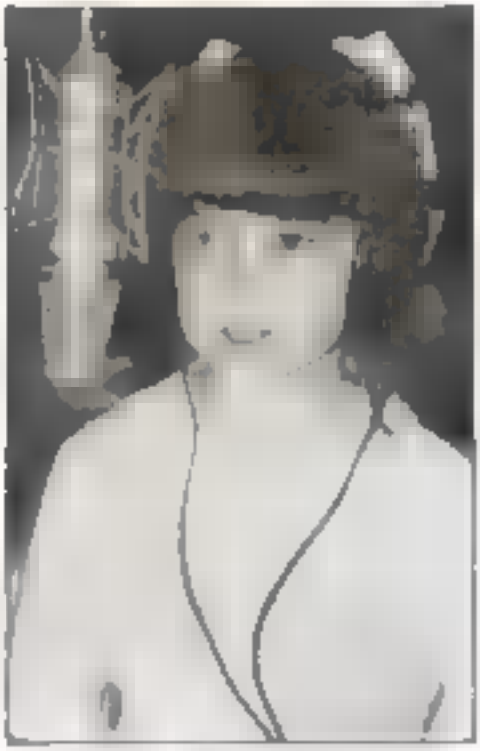

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My rodeo cowboy is the yellow wimp of Texas

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Dear Dotti: In the cowtown where I live, the rodeo is the biggest thing around and the guys who follow it are the best things we girls ever get to see. So, when the rodeo clown fell hard for me, I thought I'd found the hero of my dreams. Bah!

Everybody knows the brightest rodeo rider out there is the clown. He's always saving the riders from being stomped on by mustangs and bucking bulls, but the chump I stole my locket to is a yellow-bellied coward.

I hate him and want to marry him and he says the same about me, but he won't get hitched up until he has his manhood permanently. And we're not talking about his only hobo and she refused him up by herself the things that he values! I was cabled in a truck stop and have three little girls, she won't think I'm good enough for him!

He says she'll tell him to dump me and he'll have to go by what momma says even though it would kill him to lose me.

What can I do to bring him back? I don't want forever but a hubby for my little girls — Waiting Here, Tex.

Dear Waiting Here: Since the pictures you sent me showed that the cowboy you're out of date, run for your money or have an honorable husband or Wannabe Cowboy Dotti has no duff treating the people here.

Uppity teen gets what's good for her

Dear Dotti: Please tell my mom's 14-year-old girl to be old fashioned.

Mom told me that I couldn't hang around at the video palace just because a couple of guys got arrested there for selling dope. Since I don't do dope, I don't see where she could forbid me but she did. I had to go there after it's where all the hot things school mag out and I'm not ripped if I had to stay away.

Mom found out and said I deliberately disobeyed her. She spanked me, which she hasn't done since I was a little girl at it. I know you'll think mom was very wrong to spank me. Tell her to say she's sorry — I'm fed up.

Dear Fed: Sorry, but I'm on your mom's side. I'm willing to bet she's simply pissed. She's probably not mad at you so much but at the whole library.

Baby-sitter wants to go west

Dear Dotti: I left home because I was abused by my mother.

I'm living now with the people I baby-sat for, but they are planning on moving to California.

Most of me wants to go with them because I'm getting real modeling and I'd have a better chance out there. But the other half wants to stay here because of my boyfriend, friends and friends. Should I go? — Totally Torn, New York

Dear Totally Torn: You could be setting yourself up for the worst trade in faithful Argentina beauty. Stay home.

Fat cat looking for frugal gal

Dear Dotti: Everything goes O.K. when I date a woman until she finds out that I'm a very well-off man because my father left me the company business. Then she starts to spend and make me plenty of wages she won't eat at the little cafes we first dated in, but wants the tony restaurants where even kids for dessert costs six. This has happened to me many times.

I am wondering if there are any women like me who are still old-fashioned and down-to-earth, willing to have a relationship without thinking about money? — Meg Bucks, Pier, Wis.

Dear Big Bucks Pier: I am sure I have loads of readers in the grass, evangelist, so put your dukes thing in around

Idiot kid wants tattoo

Dear Dotti: My mom and dad won't let me get a tattoo. I think they're so cool and everybody I know that's not has one.

Tell them they're too old-fashioned and to loosen up. I want to be real hip. — Snakes in a Wreath, Calif.

Dear Snakes: Tell your parents that if they let you get tattooed all over, you can earn a living exhibiting your skin and skipping them to their old age.

Confidential

Dear Hard of Hearing in Kroger, Okay, a best friend is forever, a never-ending lover is just one miserable day after another.

Dear Lonely Lug in Draper, Utah. We don't offer a Write-A-Matter-Lady service, so another box rule you are.

Dear Mad Poets in La Fuente, Calif. You've urge getting the family of a major league coach. Stop it.

LOVELINES

To Peeped Pipster in Montgomery, Ala. You can not arrested for using what you did, but I hate it — and you! — Pinkie Peek in Mobile

To N.B.T. It's late for you to like a rose — the more help you give it, the more it grows and grows. — Susie in Pound-No, Texas.

Dead possum photo is for sickos only

Address your letters to Editor, World Weekly News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lombard, IL 60148. We reserve the right to edit your letters.

Editors: This letter is in regards to a recently published photo your paper showed to the public in your August 9 edition. It was a picture of a dead possum in the middle of the road with traffic stripes on it.

Whoever mapped the picture is really a sick-minded person. Whoever gave authority to print the picture was even more sick-minded.

I found this picture very offensive and did not think it was amusing whatsoever. I have stopped reading this grotesque paper and as will many friends. I will stick with the other tabloids.

I am not an animal-rights activist but I know trash when I see it. An apology to a future issue would help the readers deal with such sick pictures! — Anonymous, Rochester, N.Y.

Cheer up. That poor little guy may have only been playing possum. But since you don't like reading this you're going to enjoy a great joke. Know why the chicken crossed the road? To show the possum it could be done. — Editors

Sex-change surgery was a chump

Editors: Your story about the sex-change operation Mandy had. We like those stories. But my question is, where do you get a sex change for $2,500, as stated in the story? — B.B., Anacortes, Wash.

Maybe they settled for "cut-rate" surgery. — Editors

Street squirrels are yummy in the tummy

Editors: Your recent story about the homeless in New York City who eat pigeons and squirrels to survive warmed me up.

Several years ago, my wife died, leaving me deep in debt, and I had to live in the streets of Washington, D.C., for almost a year. Let me tell you, if it weren't for all the tasty squirrels and pigeons in that city, I wouldn't have eaten, many, many nights and might have starved to death.

Better than the plump rewards or chicken bones I was able to pick from the garbage), and they're easy to catch. All you need is a few pieces of popcorn or a bread crust and some leather gloves.

Maybe the so-called "animal lovers" should look the other way when they are confronted with the reality of people trying to survive.

The same people look the other way when you try to get a dollar for a bad meal. — J.B., Vienna, Va.

If you know what those pigeons and squirrels were munching on when you're not squishing on them, you wouldn't have found them so yummy. — Editors

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READER was offended by this squished possum that an Ohio road crew painted double yellow stripes over.

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ROBBERY FOILED

Bank workers toss grenades at holdup man

A robber who tossed hand grenades into a crowded bank was killed when employees threw them back.

Zhang Tongcheng was blown to kingdom come in the foiled heist. Miraculously, only three other people were injured in the explosion of three grenades and several sticks of dynamite.

"It was the scariest, most terrifying thing I've ever seen," South African tourist Richard Madeley told *The People's Daily* newspaper in Beijing.

"There were about 20 customers lined up at the bank and at least that many employees in their booths and at desks.

"Suddenly this man walks in with grenades in his hands and three or four sticks of dynamite taped to his chest. He demanded money and all hell broke loose."

According to reports, cashier Jing Chunling and customer Wang Qiao jumped the robber and pushed him out the door.

Unbowed, Zhang pulled the pin of one grenade and tossed it inside the bank. Jing scooped it up and threw it back, where it exploded.

Zhang quickly pulled the pins on two more gre-

nades and flung them inside the bank. Jing helped usher a customer and shut the door.

He fired the eight-shot pistol in Zhang's direction at last, which detonated the dynamite taped to his body — blowing him to kingdom come.

"I hoped my life and that of my family would be safe, but I never expected anything like this," fearful Wang told reporters.

"Bank robbers are a dime a dozen, I know. But now experts there in capitalistic countries and the People's Republic of China."

— Mystery writer

TV addict saws down neighbor's tree, say cops

TV freak Arthur Anderson is accused of sawing down his neighbor's 84-year-old oak tree because it blocked reception to his backyard satellite dish.

"Now I can get the Disney Channel," police quoted the 39-year-old Redding, Calif., carpenter as saying.

The self-styled television addict has pleaded not guilty to charges of criminal mischief and trespassing as a result of the oak tree caper.

"He sneaked over to the victim's backyard on a Saturday morning with a chain saw and downed the 36-foot tree in a matter of seconds," said lawyer Duncan Blume, who represents tree owner Charles Mariner, 62.

It wasn't the first time Anderson chopped down one of Mariner's trees to improve his TV reception, according to police and Blume.

In May of '87 Anderson flattened a tulip tree because the leaves were interfering with his satellite dish, said a police spokesman.

Mr. Anderson has apologized for cutting down the tree and offered to make restitution, but he isn't offering nearly enough, said Blume, who wants $27,000 in compensation.

Anderson didn't return phone calls from The NEWS, but could be al-

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A retired mailman, two cops and hearts of gold stepped in to save a start and the faithful mama dog that refuse side.

Ex-policeman Larry Babcock pulled the two puppies from a deep gully. The rope brought them half-dead and Jean Strong took to the task and later adopted its owner when they reached a vet to be destroyed at a dog pound.

On top of that, a Florida animal veterinarian offered to treat the dog's severe case of heartworms for free — treatment that could run as high as $500.

That dog didn't deserve to die," said Patton who rescued the dogs from a gully that runs along Florida's Turnpike.

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HIC TOT S MOM!

By Jill Riggin

luck housewife Sue Hubbard slipped into a dia- a and teetered on the brink of death till her psy- chter Suzanne, 4, swung into action — and miracu- ved her mom's life!

uzanne is just a baby, but she knew how to save me be- dead mother gave her precise instructions," astan- told reporters in Manchester, England.

e else can talk to my mother's spirit, but Suzanne can. Mom little girl from beyond the grave and Suzanne followed her erfectly.

night, I wouldn't be alive today."

ring tale began when sickly Sue, 40, collapsed into a coma from an ulcer. The drug diabetics use to regulate their blood-sugar level

ter Suzanne was all alone with her mother, but the 4-year-old calm kept a cool head. She raced to the re- frigerator, wrapped some ice in towels and gently held it against her unresponsive mother's brow to tame her raging fever.

The doctors said if she hadn't applied those towels to keep my temperature down — and hadn't somehow known how to do it — I'd have died for sure," gasped Sue said later.

And while the smallest Florence Nightingale was tending to her mom's temperature, she performed another lifesaving feat — she answered the telephone.

The phone in her home was high on a shelf out of her reach and Suzanne had been instructed never to touch it. And she never had.

But this time the cabby had dragged a heavy stool across the room, clambered up and grabbed the receiver just as her Auntie Val Miller was about to hang up.

"Mummy is asleep and I can't wake her," Suzanne said deeper ently.

Val called an ambulance and within minutes stricken Sue was on her way to a hospital — and a full recovery.

"When I came around and they told me what my Suzanne had done, I was proud — but I was also frustrated. How a 4-year-old girl could know to do these things. The grateful lady recalled. "When I

about her she just cooed and said My granny told me Sue to help you Mummy."

Both Sue and Val have always known that their sweet Suzanne is a natural genius who [illegible] her grandmother's spirit. Sue recalls how she told Uncle Val, "Auntie Val, Mummy's sick."

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AUTHOR Dickens died before finishing his last book

Charles Dickens wrote his last novel from beyond the grave!

By BOB GOBBINS

One of the world's most bizarre mysteries began a few years after the death of the great novelist Charles Dickens.

A drunken young printer from Rectitchett, Vt., named Thomas P. James made the incredible claim that he was talking to Dickens' ghost.

"Bah, humbug!" the newspapers sneered, and one reporter said that James was "scarcely able to read the labels on his own whiskey bottles."

When Dickens died suddenly in 1870, it was a catastrophe for his publishers. They had already serialized the first six installments of his final work — The Mystery of Edwin Drood.

Now millions of fans on both sides of the Atlantic were waiting expectantly for the end of the story, which had grown very mysterious with every installment.

Trying to capitalize on the situation, half a dozen writers rushed into print with their own versions of Edwin Drood.

But the publishing left James totally dazzling, and he did what he could match Dickens' style.

Young James made his extraordinary claim at the very peak of the excitement, on Oct. 2, 1872. He told newspapers there was no need to speculate about The Mystery of Edwin Drood because Dickens was writing the final six installments from beyond the grave and would dictate them to James.

Thomas James seemed an unlikely medium, since his previous contacts with spirits had been limited to the kind in bottles.

Newspapers had their fun with the story and then let the matter drop.

But on Oct. 31, 1873, the story exploded into a world-wide sensation.

An eminent publisher read James' complete manuscript — grudgingly at first, then with growing excitement.

Now The Mystery of Edwin Drood appeared in bookshops — "as dictated by the late Charles Dickens" to the unknown printer.

Orders in the U.S. and England were stupendous. Not only did the book unravel the Drood mystery, but it was written in Dickens' unmistakable style.

To publishers, whose judgment was quite incredible.

Convinced the young man was a literary genius, they clustered around him waving contracts. His signature on any of them would have brought him instant wealth.

But James sadly shook his head. He was no writer at all, he said and never had been.

"Now that Dickens has finished his book," he said, "I won't be writing another line." And he never did.

Five years after the book appeared, James disappeared.

Perhaps said a newspaper that tried to track him, the strange young man had at last met Charles Dickens face-to-face.

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Sleeping family blown out of their beds by gas explosion

A POLICE officer surveys the damage done to the Kelley home.

BLAM!

Miracle tots survive blast

By SUSAN ANNUNZIO

The sleeping Kelley family got a rude awakening one night — when they were blown out of their beds by a gas explosion.

Incredibly, although members of the family were thrown as far as 100 feet by the blast, no one was hurt in the incident. But the Kelleys' home in Minebrad, England, was a shambles and had to be razed.

"It's a miracle we're alive," said Mark Kelley, father of three young daughters. "The wife and kids are still very shaken. We have lost everything in the explosion."

Authorities believe the Kelleys were sent sailing after a leaking gas container in the kitchen was set off by an automatic heater on the family's fish tank. Whatever caused it, the explosion ripped through the house at about 5:45 in the morning, while Kelley, his wife Tina and his daughters Samantha, 7, Vicky, 10, and Alexandra, 5, were in bed.

Samantha flew out of the house and landed up the street, bruised, but otherwise unhurt. Little Alexandra was thrown out her bedroom window into the back garden. She woke up still wrapped in her blanket. Vicky landed across the street on the sidewalk.

"I was awakened by a huge blast," recalled Kelley, 30. "I just didn't know what was going on. I found the children outside among the rubble. They had been blown straight out of their bedrooms. I just can't believe they survived.

"Only one wall is standing and the second floor is suspended in midair. God knows where the roof has gone.

"I didn't like the holiday all that much," Kelley admitted. "But I never intended to leave it this way!"

THE three sweets but by sweet daughter Vicky Kelley rest and Kate Samantha

THE BIG STINK!

Roommate's smell drove man to murder, say cops

Hospital patient Charles Riccardi was so fed up with the sickening smell of the dying man in the bed next to him that he doused the poor old guy with alcohol and turned him into a human torch, say authorities.

Mitch Frank, an 82-year-old terminal cancer patient, suffered horrible third-degree burns over most of his body and died the next day, said Louis Huber, a spokesman with the Brooklyn, N.Y., district attorney's office.

Riccardi, 31, of Queens, was charged with three counts of second-degree murder, first-degree arson and reckless endangerment. He is in a city jail.

"He allegedly told a friend he didn't like the way the man smelled," said Huber. "He said it out of the room as he would burn the man."

Riccardi, who was hospitalized with skin infections on his arms, reportedly said that he asked to be switched to another room at Wyckoff Heights Hospital in Brooklyn.

After his request was ignored, he allegedly asked two friends to bring in some rubbing alcohol supposedly to rub on his infected arms.

Authorities charge he then doused Mitch and the cantankerous roommate's bed with the alcohol and set the poor man ablaze with either a match or a cigarette.

Pen pals meet after 50 years

Two long-distance pen pals have finally met after 50 years of letter writing.

Ilse Hansen recently flew from Australia to America to meet Blanche Wang, who he has been writing to since they were both 12 years old.

This 'kidnap' victim was a real dummy

A Fort Lauderdale cop must have felt like a real blockhead when he nabbed purported child kidnapper Tom Heller — and the "victim" turned out to be a stuffed dummy!

Ventriloquist Heller was spotted by a well-meaning citizen as he stuffed his dummy Rawhide into a duffle bag he had just bought at a mall department store. The unidentified citizen collared the first cop he saw and reported the heinous kidnapping. The officer hitched Heller to a nearby restaurant and ordered him to "open the bag."

The cop turned beet-red when he saw the victim he thought he had rescued from the clutches of an evil menace to society. In fact, he was so embarrassed he didn't even bother to mention the incident to his superiors.

Housing shortage puts the squeeze on Latin lovers!

By HENRY WEBER

Cuba's housing shortage is so critical that the government is building special "love inns" to keep people from having sex out in the streets!

The inns resemble motels but rooms rent by the hour. Demand is so high that men and women actually have to stand in line for the rooms to get intimate in private.

Many the patrons are married couples who are forced by Cuba's housing shortage to live with hlood relatives in different houses.

"My husband and I got married two years ago and we haven't been able to live together at all." Matilde Zamora told reporters.

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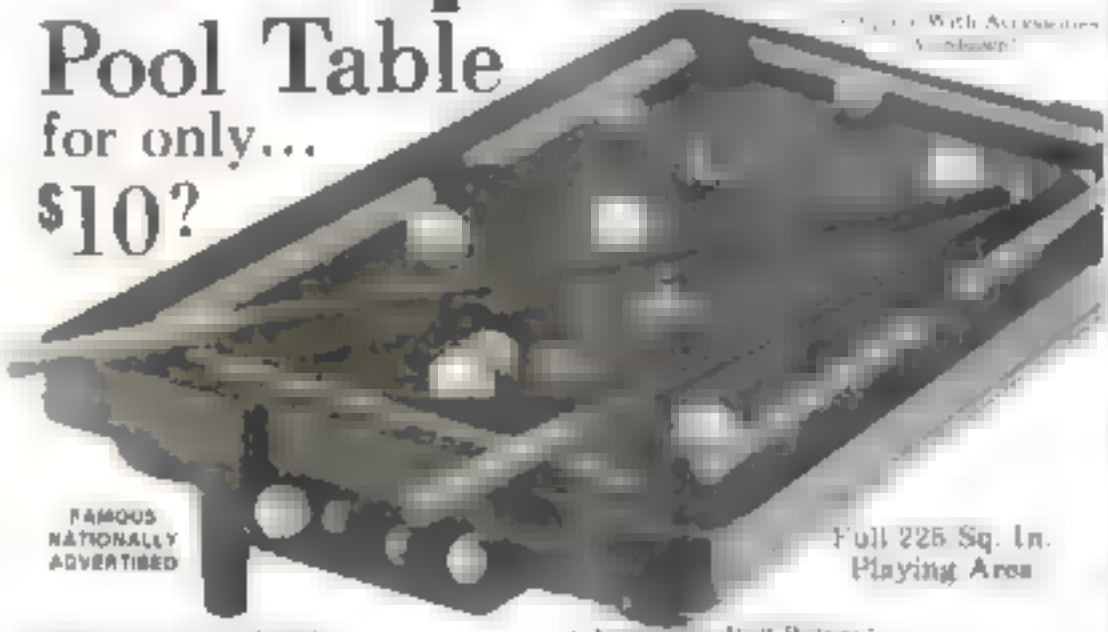

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India has plan to stop AIDS — ban love!

Government bigwigs in India plan to prevent an AIDS plague from engulfing their country by banning natives from having sex with tourists and other foreigners.

The AIDS ban ban is the brainchild of Dr. Amar Singh Pansal, director-general of the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Currently, AIDS is almost nonexistent in India with only 600 persons being diagnosed as having the killer illness and just 94 having died from it.

But with 1.2 million parents visiting India each year and Indian women becoming more liberated about sex, Dr. Pansal fears AIDS is sure to spread unless something is done.

One newspaper called the AIDS sex ban plan "outlandish."

"The prison can't push behind every closed door," it said.

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I lived through a fatal attraction nightmare!

By PETE COOKE

Breaking up is always hard to do, but Cynthia Peterson thought calling it quits with her boyfriend would kill her.

"I was terrified," the 23-year-old Houston woman told The NEWS. "I thought he was going to shoot me."

The frightening affair began when Miss Peterson met David Eric Nard, a 23-year-old auto mechanic, through mutual friends.

"Everything was fine in the beginning," she said. "There were no signs of trouble, he wasn't overly possessive or anything."

But after they'd been dating for about six months Miss Peterson decided to end the relationship.

"He was trying to move in with me and I just wasn't ready for that," she said. "I tried telling him as nicely as possible that I wanted to break it off."

That's when the trouble started.

"He started following me around, sitting outside my parents' house and calling me constantly," Miss Peterson said.

Houston prosecutor Jessie Wert said Nard phoned Miss Peterson at her job as a bank up to 100 times an hour.

"He was calling her every three or four minutes," Wert said. "She'd call and she would hang up and he'd call right back. Sometimes he would be calling from a pay phone.

"We figured he must have dropped most money (that you could spend in a Las Vegas slot machine."

Things got worse until the day Miss Peterson pulled up at a stop light and Nard slammed his car into the back of hers.

She drove into the parking lot of a high-rise bank building where her mother works and Nard followed.

"I was terrified," she said. "I saw him point something at me and I thought it was a gun.

"While I had the chance to get away, I made a run for the building. He took my keys and left."

Nard later pleaded guilty to a felony retaliation charge, was sentenced to two years' probation and ordered to seek psychological counseling.

"I'm relieved that it's over but I'm still a little nervous because he's still on the street," Miss Peterson said.

He camped on her doorstep & wouldn't take no for an answer

SCARY: Cynthia Peterson cuddles her son Preston and prays David Eric Nard, shown in his mug shot, will leave her alone.

People-biting pit bull is [redacted] pussycat

A pit bull named Bandit was charged in the wrist a dog trainer broke him of a nasty habit of [redacted] people. "This is a victory for rehabilitating a dog," said Frank Carbrick, the attorney for the dog's new owner, Vicki Hargrove, a dog trainer who lives in Stamford, Conn.

The pugnacious pooch was ordered destroyed last fall after he died to death new at the dog pound after nipping one neighbor and attacking another.

Dog owner Lauren Nardi of Stamford hired lawyer Robert Bello to save his dog. Bello got a 90-day reprieve and contacted Vicki.

She trained Bandit not to bite, but he still must wear a muzzle in public and not attack people without provocation, or he'll be sent back to death row.

Oops! New heart may have AIDS

A patient who recently received a new heart was told by doctors that he may have been given AIDS along with his new organ.

Officials at Toronto, Canada, Western Hospital said the patient took the news "very well."

His doctors were shocked when they learned that the transplanted heart may be carrying the deadly virus.

"It was a bit of a surprise to us when the test results came in," said one doctor. "However, we still don't have conclusive evidence of (AIDS)."

Doctors said the patient would have died without a new heart. The donor, from eastern Canada, was not considered a high risk to be carrying AIDS, said hospital officials.

Ready for takeoff

Three-year-old Jenny Taylor of Vernon, Ariz., is getting a head start on her pilot's training in a toy plane at the Oshkosh, Wis., Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-In.

Fat man hides dope in girdle

Lawmen had little trouble spotting pudgy Paul Jardier when he allegedly tried to smuggle six pounds of cocaine — stuffed inside ladies' girdles strapped to his body.

The unemployed photographer appeared nervous and suspiciously fat when he tried to board a London-bound jet in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, police said.

Birds can't find their way home

Thousands of prize homing pigeons can't find their way home — and their owners say microwave ovens may be to blame for the birds' bewilderment.

More than 2,000 racing pigeons — some worth more than $50,000 — were released in Nevers, France, for what should have been a 14-hour sprint back home to England.

But more than a month later, countless birds still had not arrived.

And since the pigeons use the Earth's magnetic field to navigate, their owners fear they were fooled by microwave ovens, radar signals or a solar flare.

Brave little kid spends 26 hours in surgery

By DEREK CLONTZ

A girl born with severe birth defects underwent 26-hour surgery at Boston's Children's Hospital — the second longest operation in the facility's history!

Annette Light, 12, of Owasso, Okla., appeared to [illegible] surgery to correct a pinkish flying colors.

[illegible] she would remain in intensive care for several weeks before they could determine if her problems were corrected.

The child's mother, Sharon Light, has asked concerned [illegible] everywhere to pray for [illegible] daughter.

Dr. Randy Reedren, who operated, called the girl's surgery "the most difficult I have ever performed."

Rabid otter goes on biting frenzy

An otter went berserk and bit seven people who were taking an Florida's Ichetucknee River!

Tom Retherers, of the Alachua County Health Department, said the victims were treated for bite wounds and given rabies shots after the surprise attack, which is only the fourth time an otter has bitten anyone in the Sunshine State in the past 20 years.

"Some of the bites were pretty bad," he said. "One person was bitten on the head when the otter scrambled onto one of the tubes."

Lightning kills jet ski rider!

[illegible] was struck and killed by lightning while riding a jet ski on New Jersey's Lake Hopatcong, authorities report. The fatality left another [illegible] child under the victim was wearing

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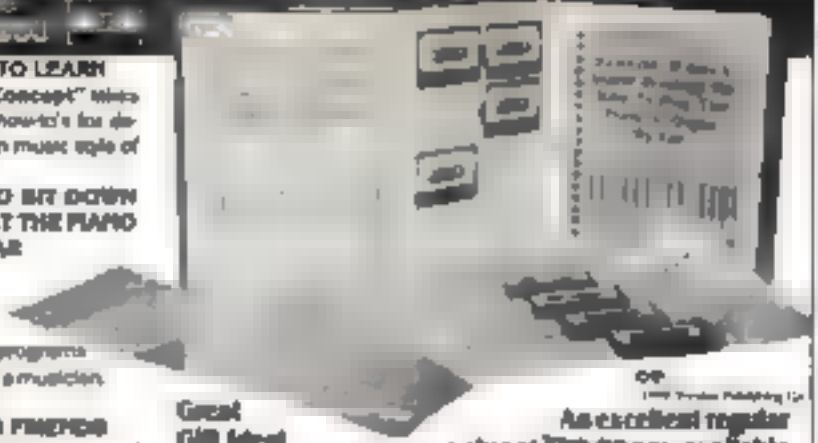

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POLICE CONFIRM:

TOTAL WRECK: Terry and Barbara Key's spacious house after it was destroyed by the blaze they set

$70,000 house torched

By RAGAN DUNN

Terry and Barbara Key torched their $70,000 home because they were too lazy to clean it up, authorities say.

. . . by owners who were too lazy to clean it up!

That's the word from Kernersville, N.C., police who say the spacious brick house was waist deep in trash before the fire and stank worse than hot asphalt!

"I think Key's temper just got to him. Officer D.C. Perdue told reporters. "He just figured, Hey, we can't clean it up. There's no way to clean it up. Let's burn it."

"That's the way he was thinking. That's strange."

In fact, neighbors had complained about garbage accumulating at the Keys' home for years. Residents from [illegible] could smell the place really bad on hot days. But you could never talk to them about it."

The saga came to a head when a real estate told police they could smell the house over the odor of freshly laid asphalt 60 feet away.

Perdue said he and another cop investigated - and almost passed out from the stench.

Raw sewage seeping from a malfunctioning septic tank soaked the yard. Waist-high garbage filled the carport.

The cops actually had to hack trash away from the doorway to get into the filthy house — which was knee deep to waist-deep in refuse throughout.

Firemen stepped in when a fire the cops were told that the house posed a health hazard and were ordered to clean it up.

A few days later, Key [illegible] Sheriff's Deputy [illegible] with gasoline and set it on fire. He was charged that night at a campsite for burning on the [illegible] car and arrest.

Because the house was paid for and unfinished, the Keys were not charged with a crime.

They reportedly moved in with relatives and had no comment on the blaze.

It was said he that the filth had grown so bad that there was no way of cleaning it up," said Perdue.

Fire officials called the house a total loss.

Deaf mute bungles bank robbery

An armed deaf mute botched two holdup attempts because his terrified victims couldn't understand what he wanted.

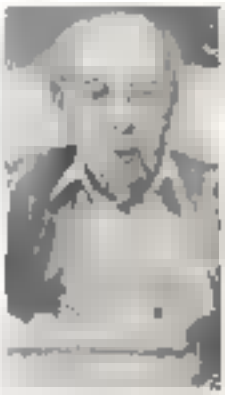
Frustrated Andrew Beer, 31, was arrested by cops in Croton, England a few minutes after he stormed out of a bank empty handed.

Beer burst into an office [illegible] pointing and waving a pistol. The man [illegible] to communicate [illegible] money, making growling noises and pointing the gun before [illegible] and then the bill," said prosecutor Paul Dackelo.

He was also arrested [illegible] Midland Bank a half hour later. He was [illegible] and grabbing the pistol and [illegible]

Sexy judge is accused by Commission

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct says Medrid, N.J., Judge Gay [illegible]



Harold Vanerdale

World's oldest Marine vet turns 105!

By JOE ARGO

Crusty grampa Harold Vanerdale is the oldest U.S. Marine Corps veteran in the world, and he credits his 105 years of productive living to luck — just good, plain old-fashioned luck.

"You've got to be lucky to stay around as long as I have," the gray-haired grampa told reporters as he celebrated his 105th birthday with a party at a nursing home in Tallahassee, Fla. "That's obvious."

Swapping Harold joined the Marine Corps for a four-year hitch back in 1900 — and 80 years later he can still recite every verse of the Marine Hymn.

"The secret is as sharp as a tack," said a nurse at the home.

But the long-ago leatherneck isn't always as easygoing to be sure with.

"None of your business!" the ancient soldier snapped when a newspaper reporter asked him what he did as a Marine.

"Are you proud to be a Marine?" the reporter tried again.

"What's it to you?" the crusty grampa growled. But those who are closest to curmudgeon Harold say he's really a lovable sort when you get to know him.

"He's 105," said nurse Juris D'Aurea. "He ought to be able to do and say anything he wants."

Tribesmen find 'cannibal' label very distasteful

A gang of New Guinea tribesmen is demanding a whopping $50 million from a newspaper that allegedly ruined their reputation — by calling them "perverted cannibals."

The British High Commission says it's received a formal petition from a group of Chimbu tribesmen demanding the kingsize settlement from London's The News of the World.

A spokesman for the natives said they have killed people in tribal fights but "have never eaten human flesh and never drank their blood."

— LAUREN BOWN

Unhappy bride poisons herself

An unhappy teenage girl poisoned herself to death after her cruel dad told her to be the bride of a man she hated.

The tragic incident occurred in China where peasants still follow ancient customs that treat women as objects of trade.

In this case, the girl's father had already arranged and spent the bride price he received from the intended groom.

The miserable girl went through with the wedding but vowing to bring disgrace on her father.

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By DEREK CLONTZ

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Her doctor had advised her to take a day off when she was battered by stress.

Today's teenagers see American dream fading

By SUSAN JAMISON

The American dream has become a bit tarnished lately — at least in the eyes of the country's teenagers.

A new survey reveals that most teens believe life for them will be harder than it was for their parents and that many think the world is going downhill.

A whopping 82 percent of teens surveyed by the American Home Economics Association thought their parents are enjoying better lives than they will. One third thought America is going "steadily downhill" and 46 percent thought the world is getting worse.

About 30 percent believed the American economy is headed for disaster and more than 30 percent believed drugs were the greatest danger facing the country.

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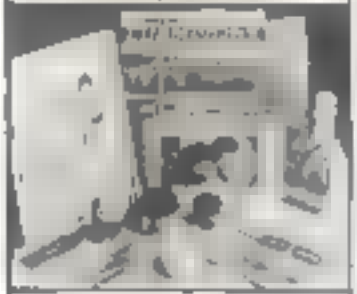

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Jealously jealous Barbara Miller built a gallows in a greenhouse and hanged love rival Vivienne Elliott — because she was too pretty.

The killer then wheeled the victim's body through the streets of Dagenham, England in a wheelbarrow and dumped it in a garden.

Miss Miller, 30, was in love with Mrs. Elliott's estranged hubby and was afraid they would reconcile. She was sentenced to life in jail after being convicted of manslaughter.

Swinging thief

A thief with mixed-up priorities stole swings from a grade school and delivered them to a prison!

A spokesman for the police department in Midland, Mich., said the man told them he swiped the swings because inmates at Camp Pelston didn't have any.

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Angry pit bull attacks van — and pops all 4 tires!

CRANKY pit bull Angel attacks tire on a stopped van.

While 2 terrified men sit trembling inside

By JACK ALEXANDER

Two terror-stricken men sat trembling in their van honking the horn for help — as a cranky pit bull chewed all four tires flat.

"It was just like being in Jaws," said Paul Dougherty. "I've seen dogs chase cars but never go after their tires."

Angel, a 3-year-old pit bull, makes a habit out of popping tires, including the van that has fattened 10 of 'em this year.

The terror in rude but ex-cons let out a howl and the motor is running, the guys after the tires," said the dog's owner, Harold Ray King of York, S.C.

Angel gnawed through rear of King's truck tires before he figured out what was aggravating her. "We know what gets her drooling up, but some other owners have to find out the hard way," said King.

That's the way it was with Paul Dougherty and Robert Cooper, who were sitting in the van doing paper work with the motor running. They had just repaired King's rental TV.

Angel, who was chewing up under a shade tree, woke up and went bananas.

"I felt the back end of the van swaying," said Cooper. "I heard the air escaping from the tires."

Three long hissing noises later, the van was sitting squarely on four flattened steel-belted radial tires. Angel had taken a 3-inch gash in each one.

Cooper and Dougherty refused to get out of the van while Angel was loose. They honked the horn until King came to the rescue.

"Well, Angel wouldn't have hurt you," said King. "She only goes after tires if you leave the motor running. Turn it off and she's fine.

"She destroyed two tires on a neighbor's car and a couple more on the motorcycle of a friend," said King. "The insurance man told me to get rid of the dog or remove her as part of my homeowner's policy."

King said the pit bull is a lovable pet who has never bitten anyone. "I don't keep her chained up because she stays on my property and doesn't bother anything 'cept tires."

ANGEL'S owner Harold Ray King says his pooch has flattened 10 tires so far this year.

OUCH!

Champagne cork [redacted] partygoer smack in the eye, claims lawsuit

By ALEX JACKSON

Partygoer Donald Parr was having fun at a wedding bash, he said, when someone popped open another bottle of champagne — and the cork nailed him square in the eye.

The bullet-like champagne bottle cork cut the cornea and caused impaired vision in his right eye, Parr claimed in a lawsuit filed in Cornelia, Ore.

A newlywed couple was being toasted at a reception at the home of Betty and Elmer Minton in nearby Turner, when Parr said he was popped by the cork.

His suit names wedding guest Rich Sherwood and imbibed too much of the bubbly when he shook up a bottle of

Lucky day

A worker who found $10,000 cash at Greater Pittsburgh International Airport will probably get to keep it, say officials.

Scam artist is [redacted] rut, police say

A woman convicted of forgery has landed in more hot water for supposedly forging a character reference report sent to probation officials, say cops.

"This is outrageous," ex-claimed Westmoreland Superior Court Judge Edward Ilkin, who was set to sentence 36-year-old Meredith Gibbons.

He postponed sentencing until after a hearing on the new charge that Miss Gibbons forged the character report.

Authorities claim Miss Gibbons is a habitual forger who has used so many aliases in her work that no one is sure of her real name. She was convicted of forging another woman's name on an $80,000 check and swindling the woman out of $220,000. She reportedly also forged the adoption papers for a 3-year-old boy whom she has raised since an infant. — RAFF KLIMKEE

Sheep thrills

SCIENTISTS BUILD ROBOT TO CLIP WOOLY CRITTERS

Sheep shearing has always been considered something of an art in Australia, but ranchers may soon give up the chore — and turn it over to robots.

Scientists have been testing a robot on sheep who've been blindfolded — to keep them from panicking when confronted by the high-tech monster.

The robot's developers use technology similar to that used in building cars, but shearing presents some special problems. "Every car has the same shape. Every sheep has a different shape," said a spokesman for the Australian Wool Corp.

Hot temperatures put the chill on romance

By JACK ALEXANDER

Heat waves cause hair-trigger tempers, violence, depression, tension, poor work performance — and withering sex drives.

The number of babies conceived declines during drought and hot spells, according to experts at the University of Michigan Center for Population Studies.

"If people are very, very hot and perspiration is dripping off of them, they're not likely to be at their most amorous," said Dr. James Graves.

"For people who like to cuddle, it's not pleasant to even have a hand resting lightly on your shoulder because it's going to get sticky ... of course, sex drive drops as the heat increases," he said.

Research on the effect of the heat factor on married couples in Florida found that 13,300 babies were conceived in January compared to 11,800 in July, a 21 percent drop.

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Doctor Discovers Cure For PSORIASIS

For years I sympathized with patients who were forced to live with the pain and embarrassment of Psoriasis.

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Another typical sufferer had been told there was no cure for Psoriasis. "I thought I'd go crazy. I was skeptical but in one month scales are virtually all gone, the itching has disappeared and I have more pep."

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They figure the brew helped Drake defeat the Spanish Armada 400 years ago.

"I was sent the recipe by an elderly clergyman who was a specialist on the period," said Reg Scott, former Lord Mayor of Plymouth, England.

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'If it doesn't work out, I'll adopt him!'

Bride, 38, finds bliss with her 5th hubby, 16

By SUSAN JAMISON

Marcia Dorsch, 38, has had a few mishaps on the road to marital bliss, but now she's convinced she has found happiness at last with husband number five — 16-year-old Eric Dorsch.

After four divorces, the Glenwood, Iowa, woman has finally found the man of her dreams and she plans to live with him forever.

"If it ever gets to the point where I can't support him or I run out of mustard," the female farmer said jokingly, "I'll divorce him, adopt him and find him a new bride."

"We'll be together 20 years from now," vows her spindly blond-haired groom. "I swear I'll take care of her 'til the day she dies."

The bizarre May-December love affair of the Dorschers began last November when Eric showed up at Marcia's farm to help her out after school. The first impression wasn't great.

Marcia sent Eric packing after his first day of work because she thought he was bad at his job.

But the boy returned two weeks later and she gave him a second chance. Love blossomed immediately.

"He begged me to marry him the second time he came out to my house," Marcia said. "He kept saying, 'Marry me, Marry me.' I kept saying no.

"But there was something about Eric I really liked. I don't know for sure what it was because he really drove me nuts the first day he worked for me.

"I wanted to get him off the streets, and I also wanted to show him the meaning of responsibility. He has never had any direction in his entire life. Now he's coming out about it.

HAPPY bride and groom, Marcia and Eric. He's the man of her dreams, she says.

. . . and soon they'll be a family of three!

He wanted to be right out there on the farm and work until your hands are sore."

Pretty soon, the high school student had moved into his employer's house. On Thanksgiving Day, the couple told Eric's parents that they wanted to marry.

At first, Eric's mom and dad were shocked, but the boy was so happy at home and quartered with his sisters. Finally, they gave permission for their son to wed the matronly romantic Eric and Marcia wed on January 12 and settled into their happy home, convinced that they've done the right thing. Now the couple are hoping to share their new home with a baby who "He got the pregnant the first day we were married," said Marcia.

"I know people are talking about me. They're pointing and maybe even laughing. But I don't care. I don't really care what dirtbags say about me. I have my farm, my mommy and my husband and that's all that matters to me."

NATURE LOVER Walter Stewart sits on his organic lawn.

Homeowner sets off neighborhood lawn war

Hell, no, I won't mow!

By JACK ALEXANDER

A young couple didn't endear themselves to the neighbors when they turned their yard into a jungle where bunny rabbits, field mice and other little animals can romp in a natural environment.

One anonymous lawn ranger slipped a note in the mailbox of Walter and Nancy Stewart, which read, "Please cut your lawn. It's a disgrace to the entire neighborhood."

The Stewarts said they allowed the seven acres around their $440,000 red brick colonial home in Potomac, Md., until they mowed briefly.

They decided to let their once-cultivated land revert to a natural state. They now have seven acres of weeds surrounded by a mowed path.

Another neighbor called the county to complain about the ordinance more than a year ago, the Stewarts said they might turn the yard into a pumpkin patch if forced to mow their weeds.

The Stewarts and other homeowners are now locked in a court battle with the county over the ordinance. The weeds

Gals hook same catch

That's one unlucky fish!

Lady fishermen Margo Walker and Angie Crawford were in separate boats, battling to land a thrashing walleye — when they suddenly realized they'd both hooked the same fish.

"It was just the weirdest thing," said astonished Angie, who was fishing in South Dakota's Lake Oahe when she and Margo made their lucky catch.

"We were both pulling on it. I really thought I had something big. We must have been hungry," Angie said.

The women landed it over like ladies and Angie went home with the 11½-pound trophy.

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It certainly can't come cheap. But Arkansas real estate developer Bill Ashworth, 53, doesn't mind parting with the cavernous dwelling. Bill Ashworth, 53, "I love it here — and I'm going to be heartbroken when it comes time to pack up and leave."

Ashworth and his 19-year-old wife Betty have been helping bring the grotto mansion for its millionaire owner, John Ray of Denver, Colo.

"He built it as a hideaway," Ashworth continued. "And he couldn't have picked a better spot — high in the Ozark Mountains of northwestern Arkansas. Now, though, he wants to sell it."

And the asking price, according to a Denver-based real estate company, is a whopping $3.2 million.

"After all, it's definitely a one-of-a-kind home," a spokesman for the firm haughtily observed.

Ashworth said a host of potential buyers have toured the honeycombed cave home.

"Some of them were pretty eccentric," he added. "Like Michael Jackson. His personal business manager really liked the property and told Michael wanted to turn it into a playhouse for his collection of exotic animals. The deal fell through, though.

"Then there was some guy who's supposed to be the ruler of a small principality in Europe. He was looking for a place to hide out in case of a nuclear war. But he never came back."

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Kid killed in kite tragedy

A boy using a thin wire instead of a string to fly his kite was killed when the wire touched a power line.

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Eerie spirit stalks the lower decks of the giant carrier USS Forrestal!

By JOHN BLACKBURN

An eerie specter that is stalking the cavernous depths of their ship has sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Forrestal spooked.

The giant flattop is named after James V. Forrestal, a former Navy pilot who later became Secretary of the Navy and died under mysterious circumstances in 1949.

"Whether — or whatever — it is, crew members swear the ghost is responsible for flickering lights, voices on disconnected telephones and the things that go bump in the night," said Lt. James Brooks, a spokesman for the warship, now in its fifth month of a six-month tour of duty in the Indian Ocean and the North Arabian Sea.

"Incredibly, some of the men claim they've even seen the ghost prowling below decks," he added.

Frightened sailors are particularly leery of two below-the-waterline storage areas on the ship — one of them a former morgue, according to Brooks.

Petty Officer Daniel Dalbo, in charge of the officers' mess, complained: "I've got one guy working for me now who refuses to go down there alone.

"Another guy, who's since transferred, refused to go anywhere near those storage areas.

"I've never seen the ghost myself," he continued, "but you sure do hear some weird things down there.

"I was taking inventory there one night and repeatedly heard a noise like a deck grating being picked up and dropped," the sailor recalled with a nervous shudder.

"But every time I turned around to see what it was, the noise stopped. Then, when I went back to my work, it'd start again. It was scary."

But what terrified Dalbo the most, he said, "and makes me kind of believe there really is a ghost aboard was the time I was checking temperatures in the food freezers.

"I kept finding that the freezer doors I had shut behind me had been opened — and there was no one down there but me."

Another of the haunted vessel's petty officers, James Killard, said he was absolutely stunned when a disconnected telephone in the storage area suddenly began to ring.

"I answered it," he recalled. "and heard a faint voice calling 'Help! Help!' It scared the daylights out of me."

A year or so ago, though, Killard received an even worse fright. He actually saw the ghost.

"He was wearing a khaki uniform. like an officer or a chief would wear," he said. "I followed him — or it — into a compartment that had just one entrance — and it was empty.

"I'm very scared to go down there alone now. And if I do have to go there, I get out of there as fast as I can."

Some crew members speculate the ghost is that of a petty officer killed during a 1967 flight deck fire that killed 137 sailors in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of North Vietnam, Brooks said.

"Others guess he's a pilot whose body was once stored in one of the freezers," he added.

And still others wonder if the mysterious visitor isn't the spirit of Forrestal, who jumped, fell or was pushed from a sixth-floor window of a naval hospital where he was recovering from a nervous breakdown.

CREW aboard the huge aircraft carrier claims a ghost stalks its passageways. Several have actually seen it.

Rare disease is turning boy, 7, back into a baby

By IRWIN FISHER

A 7-year-old boy has been stricken with a rare disease that is turning him back into a baby!

Richard Mort, of Carnelian, Enchard suffers from Sanfilippo syndrome, an affliction that causes deterioration of the brain and ultimately will kill him.

Richard could die this year or at 15 years. He just don't know," said Valerie Mort, the boy's 34-year-old mother.

Whatever happens, we'll give him as much love as we can and make him happy as we can for as long as we can."

Until last year, the future boy was as healthy and happy even has to wear giant diapers.

"Richard can only take a few steps before he's completely exhausted," said Mrs. Mort. "The only words he can say are 'Mum' and 'Dennis,' which is his father's name.

"Watching him go downhill like this is heartbreaking," she added. "We're planning a trip to Disney World in Florida in two years' time.

"We're just praying to God he'll still be with us."

Solo triple play!

[redacted] hits baseball heights

Doubled over in pain after being hit in the chest by a stinging line drive, a gutsy 7-year-old girl still pulled off the rarest of baseball fielding gems — an unassisted triple play!

Little Jessica Lafferty of Richmond, Va., was playing shortstop with runners on first and second base and no outs when the batter slashed a liner right at her. Though hurt [redacted] against her body [redacted] she put out number one.

Groggy, she collided with the runner on second, who had strayed off the base. That was out number two.

Then, still disoriented, she bumped into the runner who had been on first but hadn't bothered to return to that base. That was out number three for Jessica's amazing triple play.

Doc confirms . . .

Cannibals stricken by killer disease

Cannibals are being wiped out by a fatal disease caused by eating human flesh, according to an Australian researcher.

Dr. Ian Kiley said the disease called kuru is rampant among Fore tribesmen who live in the central highlands of Papua New Guinea.

Dr. Kiley, head of the tropical health program at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, said that although cannibalism was outlawed in the 1950s, symptoms of kuru are showing up and because the disease has an incubation period of up to 30 years.

Kuru attacks the central nervous system and is fatal within nine months.

Dr. Kiley said it was initially thought that only women and children were susceptible to the disease.

"That was thought to be the case because they were involved more in food preparation and that have taken flesh that was not properly cooked," Dr. Kiley said.

"Now that a lot of men are dying and the men were taking over their role."

He said, "What we have found now is that the age pool of sufferers has spread out."

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Girl accused of stabbing mom & dad for being strict

By PETE COOKE

Francine Stepp's bloodcurdling screams brought police racing to the home where her mother and father had been murdered, but cops say the teenager killed her parents in their sleep — for being too strict!

Francine and her best friend, Cindy Wyan, both 18, were arrested on first-degree murder charges in the grisly slayings of Mark and Delores Stepp.

The Stillwater, Okla., Police Chief, Norman McNickle, told The NEWS that the case began when neighbors woke to Francine's screams and called police at about 4:30 a.m.

"We arrived at the scene to find both victims dead in their bedroom on the first floor of the two-story house," Chief McNickle said.

The father, a 50-year-old power company technician, was found on the bed. He'd been stabbed repeatedly with a butcher knife and shot in the neck. Mrs. Stepp, 48, an accounting supervisor at Oklahoma State University, was on the floor next to the bed. She'd been stabbed about 20 times.

"Francine told us that she spent the night with her friend and discovered her parents' bodies when she returned home in the morning," Chief McNickle said. After a six-week investigation, authorities concluded that Francine and her friend slipped into the Stepp home in the dead of night and killed Francine's mother and father.

"It was Francine's perception that her parents were too strict," Chief McNickle said.

FRANCINE Stepp, 18, right, hides her face as accused accomplice Cindy Wyan turns away

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GIANT HOBOSCOPE

By Countess Sophia Sabah

ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

All signs indicate that your luck should improve significantly in the coming week. Chances for success are good and you shouldn't hesitate to take advantage.

Arius' selfish side might emerge in the very near future, causing conflicts. Be aware of the potential problems and make an extra effort to see things from the other guy's point of view.

Now may be the best time to tackle an unpleasant domestic chore that you've been putting off.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

It now appears that any efforts at diet and exercise will pay off handsomely. Forget past failures and go down to business. The results will surprise you.

Those typical Taurus traits of strength and stability may be highlighted in the week ahead when a troubled friend comes looking for a shoulder to cry on. Be a good listener and keep advice to a minimum. Signs indicate that first impressions could have added importance. Trust your instincts.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Beware of an underrating of significant impact will surprise and at times distress and delight those who stand to profit from your real, unbiased judgment and meticulously guidance. Your ship is coming in!

Keep a sharp eye on your health in the days ahead. Like all Geminis, you tend to be a bit irresponsible when it comes to your personal well-being. Don't take chances!

The week ahead will be hectic and demanding. Recharge your batteries this weekend.

CANCER

June 21-July 22

The week ahead can hold the key to success for Cancerians who use their natural talents and serve as catalysts push they consider beyond reach. At least, make an effort!

You are allowing others to strongly influence your personality and it's keeping you from your true character. It's time to reach down deep inside your being and shape events the way you want them to be.

Major financial problems can be avoided if you seek opinions from others.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

That hot and cold tendency in Leo may cause you to give up before a project is completed. Use your willpower to keep your nose in the grindstone until everything is done.

Then give yourself a night to blow off steam and celebrate all that hard work.

You are particularly attractive to the opposite sex over the next month if you're single, take this opportunity to explore new relationships. Married and wedded should use this time to rekindle romance.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Your Virgo ability to see through the muddle to the heart of the matter seems to beady this week. A prickly problem pending to others gets solved thanks to you.

Have highlight romance and surprise. Perhaps someone you only thought of as a friend will become more important in your life. Or the love you feel for that special someone suddenly burns hotter.

A trip to the store or a shopping spree could turn into an unexpected bonanza.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Hold on tight, Libra. Your temper may be easily tested this week — and if you lose it, you might be paying the price for a long time to come. Concentrate on winning battles with those in authority and forget about getting even. It's time to be smart, not tough.

Your best work will be done at home this week. So only as far as you have to from your own front door.

An overzealous friend may try to talk you into something dumb.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

This should be a happy week. Scorpio Projects would fall into place with little or no effort, and coworkers may even move over to allow Chalk it up to your very charm and charisma, which are at an all-time high now. Use your magic skills to best advantage with those who need gentle handling.

Take a break from your labors and celebrate with loved ones at week's end. You deserve it.

Blue and yellow could be lucky colors.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You overzealous feel pressured because of the amount of projects you take on, but don't be too busy to help out a friend in need.

A reunion involving a special person can bring feelings of warmth and love. Bask in the glow of that attention.

You could be making a mistake by hindering the forthcoming of a campaign to join in a project. But investing your time in others than in raising your status. Keep that in mind.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Your cool Capricorn judgment may be relied into play when a family member or close friend comes to you with a perplexing problem. They go away happy and relieved as you show them how to solve their quandary with a minimum of fuss.

Your hard work at an outside project pays off in an unforeseen way. You are rewarded with feelings of accomplishment.

A getaway with under the stars can bring relaxation and peace.

your birthday is this week . . .

The year ahead can be one of the most productive of your life if you keep an open mind, trust your instincts and do what you know is right. A mystical experience can change your spiritual outlook — and you'll be better off for it!

The outlook for your health appears to be quite good. And since you'll be at the top of your game. One should be a great year to improve yourself both physically and mentally. Take up a new hobby. Enroll in a night course. Make your time count!

Your financial situation should improve steadily in the months to come.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Don't be drawn into other people's problems this week. Guard against giving advice that may backfire. Mind your own business.

There is a strong possibility of a change in your lifestyle this week. Keep your options open. Don't ignore a new opportunity.

A close friend may disappoint you this week with a total lack of consideration. Some people are selfish and self-centered and you can't change them.

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You've been burning the candle at both ends lately and your body is screaming for you to slow down. Ease up a bit or you're liable to regret it.

Pay no attention to the cynics, the know-it-alls and other negative forces in your life. They have problems you can't solve, no matter how objective you try to be.

Resist the temptation to do something deceptive or dishonest this week. Be fair with everyone or you could be in big trouble.

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Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

Readers all over the country are using Countess Sabah's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

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Unfriendly skies

A passenger went berserk after his cigarette set off a smoke alarm in the bathroom of a jet on a flight from London to Los Angeles, police said.

Ole Svane Thestrup, 40, had to be strapped to a seat after he struggled with the crew and threw a suitcase at the pilot's face.

The plane made an unscheduled stop in Winnipeg, Canada, where Thestrup of Copenhagen, Denmark, was arrested.

Thestrup later pleaded guilty to a blanket charge and was sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Boyfriend's bid to patch things up proves fatal

Thinking his girlfriend was refusing to answer her door, a man slipped and fell to his death from her seventh-floor window ledge, according to cops who said no one was home at the time.

Chicago police Sgt. Michael Chanon said Robert Jenkins, 30, was trying to make up with his girlfriend following a quarrel.

Man, 103, stabbed to death

A neighborhood robber stabbed 103-year-old Adam Otiono to death in his Dallas, Tex., home — and stole the $3,500 they'd saved to pay for his own burial.

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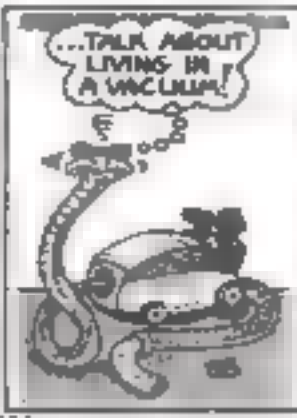

New vacuum cleaner came with extra attachment — a snake!

Flabbergasted farmer Ralph Simmers and his wife Janet were ready to head for the hills when they started to turn on their spanking new vacuum cleaner — and up writhed a writhing snake slithered out of the hose.

"It gave us a hell of a shock," said Ralph of Glenrhyd, Wales. "It was a greasy-brown color, with a white end. I've never seen anything like it."

Dumbfounded Ralph hurried the family's kitten and two dogs to safety and sent Janet to call the police.

Cops evacuated the couple from their house and summoned a snake specialist to round up the critter.

"The expert told us it was a Montpellier snake and quite harmless — but we didn't know that," Ralph recalled.

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Mom makes big splash with sidewalk delivery

PARENTS Dorothy Hill helped deliver Sylvia's baby.

By JOE HEGER

Blue-eyed baby Charlene Heggie made a big splash the moment she arrived in the world — because her grand entrance came on a rain-soaked sidewalk.

And to make things even more exciting, the bizarre birth was attended by a double-shift midwife who's never delivered a baby in her life — and who'd never even had one herself.

"The whole thing seemed cursed from the beginning," astonished mum Sylvia Heggie told reporters in Doncaster, England. "The odds were really against us.

"But we pulled it off, and I have a beautiful little girl to prove it."

The tale of the baby on the pavement began as panic-stricken Sylvia and her fiance Clyde Shade raced the short distance to a Doncaster hospital.

Suddenly stranded in rush hour traffic, the ruffled couple leaped from their car and tried to sprint to the delivery room.

But impatient Charlene had an identical plan in mind.

Before she knew what was happening, the helpless lady found herself giving birth to a 6-pound, 2-ounce girl amid the

It was raining cats and dogs when she gave birth right on the pavement!

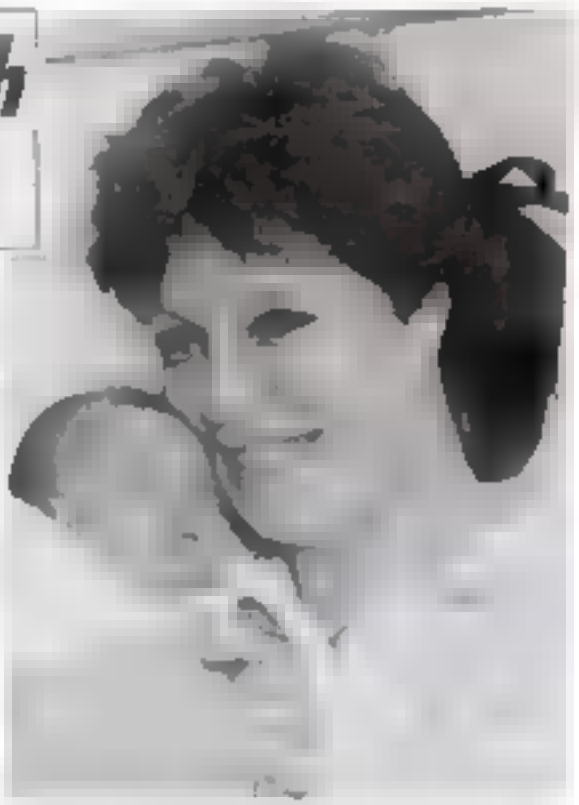
gushing on a rain-drenched, downtown sidewalk.

Middle-age matron Dorothy Hill saw the commotion and jumped in to lend a hand.

"I went to help because I thought there had been an accident," said mother-of-two Dorothy who sells baby clothes.

"I was shocked when I realized she was having a baby, but then my instincts took over."

Within minutes, another



PROUD mum Sylvia Heggie gave birth to little daughter Charlene on a rain-soaked sidewalk.

and squalling daughter were bundled up and headed once again for the hospital — leaving dozens of gaping spectators behind.

"I haven't had time to feel embarrassed about the show I put on for the crowd," sighing Sylvia, 33, said from her hospital bed. "I'm just so happy that everything worked out and my little girl is healthy.

"Right now nothing else makes a bit of difference to me.

"But I know later the whole thing's going to click in and my face is going to be very red."

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Cold-blooded killer tells the jury . . .

GIVE ME THE GAS CHAMBER

By JACK ALEXANDER

A cocky, cold-blooded killer who showed no pity for people he'd killed and even laughed about it has begged to be sent to the gas chamber.

My heart is a block of ice, he admits in court

Saying he deserved to die, convicted killer Dennis Webb told a jury in San Luis Obispo, Calif.:

"I have no feelings, ladies and gentlemen. My heart is a block of ice. I've killed several times. I've never been hunted for it.

"I beat the system, but now, the jig is up."

Webb, 28, was found guilty of murdering John and Lori Reinwasser, who were casually approached, beaten, robbed and shot to death in front of their children.

The ex-Army drifter and biker gang member bragged about the people he has killed and showed no remorse.

Speaking calmly and occasionally laughing, the heartless killer told jurors he considered a homosexual act ago 21 because he doesn't happen to like guys.

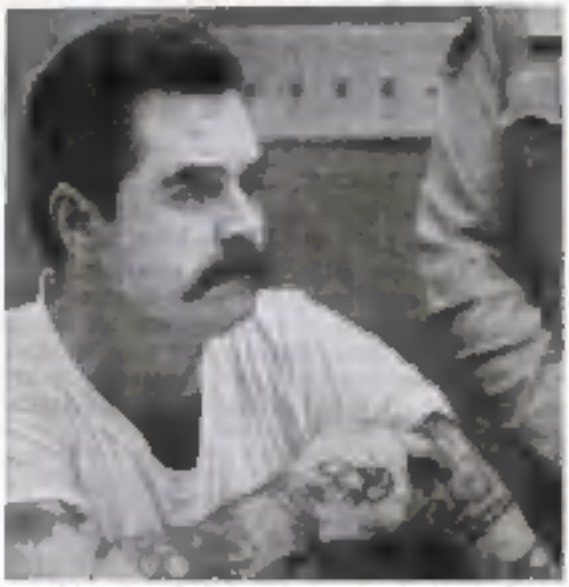
He confessed to killing a black man because he didn't like blacks and murdered another man to impress his biker buddies.

The merciless slayer said he committed a contract killing for an outlaw motorcycle gang and gunned down one and possibly two people during a robbery.

The wanton crimes inspired several tattoos on his hairy chest.

Among them was the lightning-bolt symbol of the Nazi SS storm troopers and the words "white power."

Webb's death plea is being weighed by the same jury panel that already convicted him of the brutal and blood-thirsty double murder.



CHILLING — Convicted murderer Dennis Webb explains to jurors how he got tattoos to commemorate his killings.

Whiskey keeps oldster kicking

A California woman who appears to have clinched the title of world's oldest living human, celebrated her 116th birthday with a couple bells of whiskey!

Sherin Thuwaph Kuboc of Carne, Calif., drinks a shot or two of whiskey every day, say relatives.

"She never gets sick," said her nephew, Yemub Yermuh. "If she starts to get the flu, she drinks whiskey and it goes right away."

Mrs. Kuboc, who has outlived four husbands, was born in Jalu, Turkey, on July 15, 1872, according to records.

The Guinness Book of World Records lists 115-year-old Anna Williams of Wales as the oldest living person.

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Bored hubby ends ho-hum

By JOHN BLACKBURN

An American sailor found a brutal new way to get out of a ho-hum marriage — he fed his wife to the sharks!

In a bizarre military court-martial highlighted by gruesome testimony and bloodcurdling evidence, the sailor was convicted of dumping his unconscious — but still alive — spouse into the shark-infested waters of the Indian Ocean after a domestic tiff.

Petty Officer Charles Elmore's Filipino wife Bella, 29, vanished without a trace from a U.S Navy base near Perth in southwestern Australia last March 16.

He claimed she accidentally fell into the ocean, but the Navy said the 27-year-old seaman drove her out to the end of a pier at the base after a domestic fight and hurled his battered, naked wife into the jaws of the waiting man-eaters.

"It's obviously something he'd been planning for a long, long time," said Darryl Baldwin, an Australian police officer who initially investigated Bella's mysterious disappearance.

"Elmore didn't even report Bella missing until several days after she'd vanished," the law officer said. "He said he wasn't worried about her at all, thought she was just off visiting friends.

"His story changed fishy to us, so we conducted an investigation.

"We uncovered witnesses who told us Elmore had said, 'The marriage is over. I want her out. I'm going to kill her and use her as shark bait.'

"Naturally, we couldn't find a trace of the corpse," the cop continued. "but we did search their home and found the clothes she was supposedly wearing when she vanished.

"We also came up with a witness who saw Elmore driving out on the pier that night — apparently with someone in the passenger seat. When he drove back, the witness said, Elmore was alone."

Because of a treaty agreement with the Australian government, the Navy had jurisdiction over the international case, Baldwin said.

Elmore consistently claimed he was a victim of circumstances.

"I know it looks bad, but I'm no killer," he told investigators. "We had a quarrel and drove out to the pier. Bella slipped and fell over the railing and into the ocean. I thought she'd swim in."

But, incredibly, when Bella didn't appear on shore, Elmore said he returned home — and nonchalantly went to bed. And he didn't report her missing until two days later.

"It's very difficult to prove premeditated murder when there's no body," Elmore's civilian attorney, Brian Singleton, said. "And we had one witness who claimed he spotted Mrs Elmore in Perth after she was supposed to have been killed."

That wasn't enough, though.

The conviction by the military court carries with it a mandatory life sentence, a Navy spokesman said.

Sailor said he would turn her into 'shark bait,' says witness

SAILOR. Charles Elmore holds a picture of his wife Bella just after he reported her missing to the police department.

Trucker loses his heart — to a real-life mermaid!

By BRETT FIELDING

A trucker has fallen head over heels in love — with a gorgeous mermaid!

And a bunch of his buddies are just as smitten!

The landlocked lumoys are flipping over the stunning mermaid who's set up housekeeping in a secluded pond far inland from her natural home in the Irish Sea.

"She's absolutely the most stunning beauty I have ever seen," declared truck driver Joe McElroy, 34, of Ellwich, in the Midlands region of England.

"Mariam — that's the name we've given her, Mariam the Mermaid — has long silver hair and haunting green eyes," McElroy said, a touch of awe in his voice. "She's magnificent — and the very first moment I saw her, I fell for her hook, line and sinker."

Another smitten Briton, 19-year-old Jamie Tranter, avowed:

"I suppose, technically, at least, she'd have to be classified as a gold-blooded creature, but I can assure you, she's definitely the kind of girl every hot-blooded man dreams about."

Local residents figure Mariam swam ashore to escape the rough waters of the foggy-bound Irish Sea and wandering aimlessly through a series of interconnected rivers and streams.

"But, however she came to be here, her presence has certainly made a splash and sent ripples throughout the sea," McElroy said.

"And she doesn't seem to mind all the attention she's getting as long as we all keep a respectful distance. Mariam seems to be extremely shy. She swims out to the center of the pond and dives under if someone approaches too near — like she spells something fishy.

"I just hope she likes it here and stays, because we sure have taken a fancy to Mariam."

Whistlin' parrot is bird-napped

Anyone who hears a parrot whistling the theme song from the old *Andy Griffith Show* should call Sidney Hicks right away.

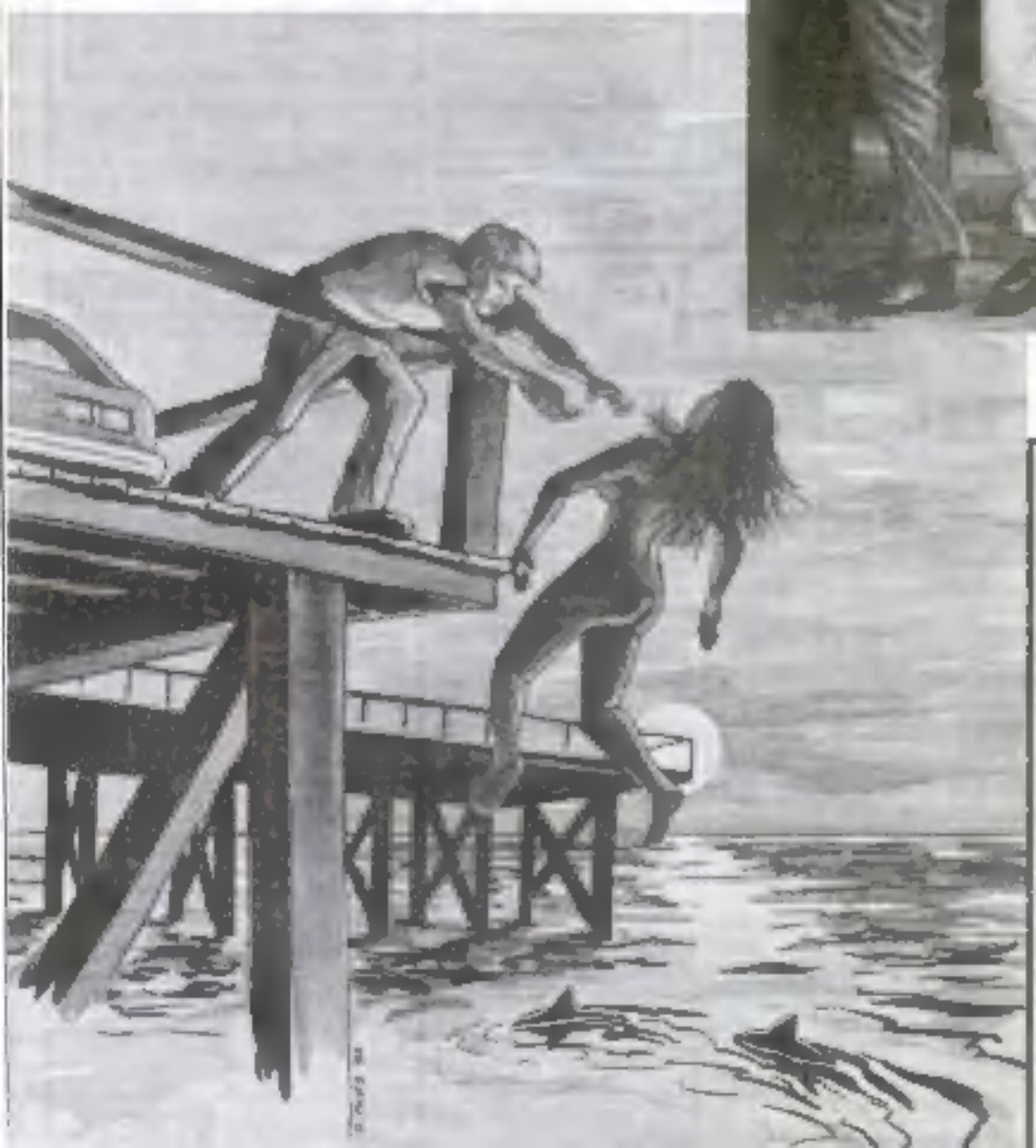
The man from Jasper, Ala., says the expensive blue-fronted Amazon parrot that was stolen off his front porch even loves with the tune all the time!

"It's a very unique bird," said Hicks. "He's the smartest bird I've ever had." And that's saying a lot. Hicks currently has about 200 birds — but Arthur the parrot is his real favorite.

Everybody in the neighborhood loved Arthur, he continued. "I could have sold him for $1,000 — but I wouldn't sell him."

In fact, Hicks wants Arthur back so badly that he has offered $250 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thief.

marriage — he feeds his wife to the sharks!



DEFENDANT Bobby Charles Elmore, a petty officer in the U.S. Navy, is escorted to 9th military court-martial by Australian police officers.

Booze bottle kills man in freak accident

A tipsy motorist whose barkseat passenger died frightfully in a minor car accident has pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide — and could spend three years behind bars.

John Thomas Fell III, 24, of Phillipsburg, Pa., also admitted to being drunk when the bizarre accident occurred.

According to prosecutor Daniel L. Polensky, the victim, Anthony Workheiser, was riding in the right seat and sent drinking from a bottle of whiskey when the car Fell was driving on a country road ran into a tree stump on the side.

The impact, he said, broke off the neck of the bottle Workheiser was holding and the glass lodged in his neck, severing his carotid artery and jugular vein. Workheiser bled to death almost immediately, Polensky said.

A blood-alcohol test taken at a hospital hours after the tragic accident showed Fell's level was .150, well over the

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